

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Minutes of the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 2:30pm
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Andrew Lewis, Chair
Janet Geldzahler, Vice Chair
Brian Ball
Cindy Conner, *via videoconference (personal)*
Ken Dye
Jil Harris
Jeff Humber
Sara O'Keefe, *via videoconference (personal)*
Michele Petersen

Absent:

Matt Cooper
Betty Crutcher
Monroe Harris

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer
Lynette Allston
Alexis Assam
Kay Baker
Caprice Bragg
Joan Brock
Valerie Cassel Oliver
Stephanie Cooperstein
Sylvain Cordier
Madeleine Dugan
Sarah Eckhardt
Anne Edwards
Endy Ezeoluomba
Courtney Freeman
Martha Glasser
Ann Goettman
Aiesha Halstead
Melinda Hardy
Andrew Harris
Jan Hatchette
Li Jian
Sarah Kennel
Marianne Littel
Leo Mazow
Colleen Milewski

Cindy Marquez, Office of the Attorney General
Jay Olander, Foundation President
Christopher Oliver
Susan Rawles
Pam Reynolds
John Henry Rice
Peter Schertz
Barry Shifman
Anne Smith
Suzy Szasz Palmer
Michael Taylor
Ashlin Wilbanks

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sub-Committee Chair Andrew Lewis called the meeting to order at 2:31pm.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: Proposed by Dr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Ken Dye to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting of the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee as distributed. Motion carried.

III. PURCHASE, GIFT, DEACCESSION, AND LOAN CONSIDERATIONS

At 2:32pm, the meeting went into closed session with the following motion:

Motion: Proposed by Dr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Janet Geldzahler that the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee meeting go into closed session to discuss proposed art purchases, gifts, deaccessions, and loans. The relevant exemption is Section 2.2-3711(A)(6 and 10) of the Code of Virginia. Motion carried.

At 4:02pm, the meeting resumed in open session with the following motion:

Motion: Proposed by Dr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Michele Petersen that the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee meeting come out of closed session and certify that the closed session just held was conducted in compliance with Virginia state law, as set forth in the Certification Resolution distributed. Motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken, the results of which are outlined in the Certification Resolution included with these minutes.

Motion: Proposed by Dr. Andrew Lewis and seconded by Ms. Janet Geldzahler that the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee recommend to the Full Board of Trustees that they approve the purchase, gift, deaccession, and loan considerations as fully described in the meeting packets. Motion carried.

Motion: Proposed by Dr. Andrew Lewis and seconded by Mr. Jeff Humber that the Art

Acquisitions Sub-Committee recommend to the Full Board of Trustees that Mr. Alex Nyerges and Dr. Michael Taylor be authorized to accept gifts of art offered to the Museum between December 7 and December 31, 2022. Motion carried.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Lewis reminded those in attendance of today's 6 pm VMFA opening reception of *Isaac Julien: Lessons of the Hour – Frederick Douglass*.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and approved by the Committee at 4:05pm.

Recorded by: Kay Baker,
Administrative Assistant and Receptionist to the Director's Office

MOTION: Dr. Andrew Lewis

MEETING: Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee

SECOND: Ms. Michele Petersen

DATE: December 6, 2022

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 (A) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee.

VOTE

AYES: Lewis / Geldzahler / Ball / Conner / Dye / J. Harris / Humber / O'Keefe / Petersen

NAYS: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Cooper / Crutcher / M. Harris