

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Draft Minutes of the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 12:45pm
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Andrew Lewis, Chair
Janet Geldzahler, Vice Chair
Brian Ball
Cindy Conner *videoconference; personal*
Betty Crutcher
Ken Dye
Jeff Humber
Sara O'Keefe *videoconference; personal*
Tom Papa *videoconference; personal*
Michele Petersen
Lynette Allston, Trustee President, ex-officio

Absent:

Matt Cooper
Jil Harris
Monroe Harris

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer
Alexis Assam
Kay Baker
Candy Banks
Caprice Bragg
Valerie Cassel Oliver
Stephanie Cooperstein
Sylvain Cordier
Birch Douglass
Madeleine Dugan
Sarah Eckhardt
Anne Edwards
Ndubuisi Ezeoluomba
Courtney Freeman
Martha Glasser
Ann Goettman
Aiesha Halstead
Courtney Hargrove
Andrew Harris
Douglass James
Li Jian
Sarah Kennel
Leo Mazow

Colleen Milewski
Cindy Marquez, Office of the Attorney General
Christopher Oliver
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 12:45pm.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: Proposed by Dr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Jeff Humber to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting of the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee as distributed. Motion carried.

III. PURCHASE, GIFT, DEACCESSION, AND LOAN CONSIDERATIONS

At 12:48 pm, 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 2:18pm, the meeting resumed in open session with the following motion:

Motion: Proposed by Dr. Lewis and seconded by Dr. Betty Crutcher 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. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Ken Dye 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.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

Director and Chief Executive Officer Alex Nyerges announced, and noted for the minutes,

that two Frans Hals paintings on loan to VMFA from the collection of former Trustee Mrs. Jordan Saunders will be lent to the National Gallery, London and the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam in FY24. In exchange, the Rijksmuseum will loan the VMFA its *Girl in Blue* painting by Versoronck. As the Frans Hals paintings are in Mrs. Saunders' collection and she has approved the loans, it is unnecessary for the VMFA Board of Trustees to approve the loan. VMFA staff will however, facilitate the coordination of these loans.

Dr. Lewis shared that Dr. Ndubuisi Ezeoluomba, VMFA Curator of African Art, will lead a tour of the museum's African galleries following the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and approved by the committee at 2:20pm.

Recorded by: Kay Baker,
VMFA Administrative Assistant and Receptionist, Office of the Director

MOTION: Dr. Andrew Lewis

MEETING: Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee

SECOND: Mr. Jeff Humber

DATE: March 14, 2023

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 / Crutcher / Dye / Humber / O'Keefe / Papa / Petersen

NAYS: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Cooper / J. Harris / M. Harris