

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
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