

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 10:00am
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Monroe Harris, Chair
Brian Ball
Janet Geldzahler
Andy Lewis
Pamela Royal
Lynette Allston, Trustee President, ex-officio

Absent:

Jim Cheng

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer
Jame Anderson, SmithGroup
Kay Baker
Candy Banks
Caprice Bragg
Edie Cabaniss
Stephanie Cooperstein
Courtney Freeman
Ann Goettman
Tom Gutenberger
Melinda Hardy
Andrew Harris
Jan Hatchette
Tim Hill
Jeffrey Humber
Curt Manchester, Office of the Attorney General
Cynthia Marquez, Office of the Attorney General
Colleen Milewski
Bob Mooney
Casey Nye
John O'Connor
Jay Olander, VMFA Foundation President
Colin Robinson, Gilbane
Dayton Schroeter, SmithGroup
Michael Taylor
Charlie Whitaker

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Monroe Harris called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: Proposed by Dr. Harris and seconded by Dr. Andrew Lewis to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting of the Building Committee as distributed. Motion carried.

III. EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATES

VMFA Director and Chief Executive Officer Alex Nyerges reminded the committee that Gilbane Building Company was selected as the Construction Manager-At-Risk, with Colin Robinson as the firm's project manager. He then introduced Mr. Tim Hill, VMFA's recently hired Construction Administration Manager. Mr. Hill will monitor the construction progress to ensure that it stays in line with the budget and schedule that Mr. Robinson's team will be recommending.

V. DESIGN CONCEPTS FOR NEW WING AND SCULPTURE GARDEN

SmithGroup, led by Lead Designer Dayton Schroeter, presented draft design concepts for the museum's expansion project. Mr. Schroeter reviewed an overview of massing including a proposed fire wall, program highlights, and working schematic designs for each floor. Additionally, he presented concepts for the exterior of the expansion. Mr. Schroeter noted that the designs may change during this process. Principal-in-Charge Jame Anderson emphasized that input from community engagement sessions directly informed the design choices, which focus on interconnecting outdoor and indoor spaces, providing areas for patrons to pause for reflection, and continuity with existing spaces. Mr. Schroeter then presented an overview of concepts for the sculpture garden and described next steps. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Schroeter and Ms. Anderson responded to questions from the committee.

VI. ADJOURNMENT/OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and approved by the committee at 11:05am.

Recorded by: Stephanie Cooperstein,
VMFA Executive Administrator to the Chief Strategic Officer and
Deputy Director for Strategic Planning, Government and Board Relations