

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Draft Minutes of the Leslie Cheek Theater Tour  
Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 1:30pm  
Leslie Cheek Theater

There were present:

Lynette Allston, President  
Gil Bland  
Dr. Betty Crutcher  
Ken Dye  
Melinda Hardy  
Jil Harris  
Ken Johnson  
Michel Zajur

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer  
Kay Baker  
Caprice Bragg  
Stephanie Cooperstein  
Tom Gutenberger  
Andrew Harris  
Jan Hatchette  
Tim Hill  
Cindy Marquez, Office of the Attorney General  
Jen Merritt  
Colleen Milewski  
Casey Nye  
Jay Olander  
Lizzie Oliver

I. CALL TO ORDER

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) Director and Chief Executive Officer Alex Nyerges welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

II. THEATER HISTORY AND RENOVATION PLANS

Mr. Nyerges presented an overview of the history of the museum and its current renovation plans for the Leslie Cheek Theater, which include expanding the stage, improved lighting and audio-visual systems, and enhanced accessibility. The renovations are slated to begin in early 2024 and will conclude in September, possible. He noted the opportunities the renovation provides to expand the museum's audiences and community partners, including with the Richmond Ballet that will hold their studio series at Cheek Theater.

### III. RENOVATION FUNDRAISING

Mr. Tom Gutenberger, VMFA Chief Development Officer and Deputy Director for Advancement, provided an update on the renovation's fundraising progress. He noted that currently \$2,356,500 has been raised of the project's anticipated \$8 million goal.

### V. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

After a brief question and answer session, the presentation concluded at 1:58pm.

Recorded by: Kay Baker  
Administrative Assistant