

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Draft Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting  
Monday, December 4, 2023, 3:30pm  
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Brian Ball, Chair  
Janet Geldzahler  
Pamela Royal  
Lynette Allston, Trustee President, ex-officio

Absent:

Jim Cheng  
Matt Cooper

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer  
Jame Anderson, SmithGroup  
Kay Baker  
Caprice Bragg  
Loran Brueggen  
Edie Cabaniss  
Stephanie Cooperstein  
Betty Crutcher  
Courtney Freeman  
Jan Hatchette  
Tim Hill  
Marianne Littel  
Colleen Milewski  
Bob Mooney  
Casey Nye  
Jay Olander  
Amanda Qreitem  
Dayton Schroeter, SmithGroup  
Christina Shin  
Michael Taylor  
Brett Thompson, Gilbane Construction Company  
Charlie Whitaker

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Brian Ball called the meeting to order at 3:33pm.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

**Motion:** Proposed by Mr. Ball and seconded by Ms. Janet Geldzahler to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting of the Building Committee as distributed. Motion carried.

### III. EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Alex Nyerges, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) Director and Chief Executive Officer, reported that the architects from SmithGroup have completed the schematic design phase of the project. The design has been shared with the Art and Architectural Review Board and is under review by the Division of Engineering and Building within the Commonwealth's Department of Planning and Budget. He noted that the design takes into account several items which could impact the expansion process, including the firewall, underground duct bank, and façade. Mr. Nyerges also noted that renovation of the Leslie Cheek Theater will begin in January 2024 and is scheduled for completion by August 2024.

### V. SCHEMATIC DESIGNS FOR THE EXPANSION

Ms. Jame Anderson, SmithGroup Principal-in-Charge, provided a review of the schematic design to-date, visually highlighting the items Mr. Nyerges mentioned in his earlier report and reiterating the importance of complying with legislative intent. Mr. Dayton Schroeter, SmithGroup Lead Designer, presented a revised schematic design for exterior massing. At the presentation's conclusion, Mr. Schroeter and Ms. Anderson responded to questions from the group.

### VI. ADJOURNMENT/OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by the committee at 4:29pm.

Recorded by: Stephanie Cooperstein  
Executive Administrator