

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Minutes of the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 9:00am
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Matt Cooper, Chair, *virtual (personal)*
Janet Geldzahler
Brian Ball
Cindy Conner
Betty Crutcher
Ken Dye
Sarah O'Keefe
Tom Papa
Lynette Allston, ex-officio

Absent:

Jil Harris
Michele Petersen

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer
Alexis Assam
Kay Baker
Caprice Bragg
Loran Brueggen
Valerie Cassel Oliver
Stephanie Cooperstein
Sylvain Cordier
Theresa Cunningham
Madeleine Dugan
Sarah Eckhardt
Anne Edwards
Endy Ezeoluomba
Emily Franklin
Courtney Freeman
Martha Glasser
Ann Goettman
Aiesha Halstead
Melinda Hardy
Jan Hatchette
Courtney Hargrove
Li Jian
Sarah Kennel
Marianne Littel
Deb Love, Office of the Attorney General
Leo Mazow
Chris Oliver

Amanda Qreitem
Susan Rawles
Pam Reynolds
Peter Schertz
Barry Shifman
Christina Shin
Anne Smith
Michael Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER

On behalf of Committee Chair Matt Cooper, Committee Vice Chair Janet Geldzahler called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: Proposed by Ms. Geldzahler and seconded by Mr. Ken Dye to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

III. PURCHASE, GIFT, AND LOAN CONSIDERATIONS

At 9:04am, the meeting went into closed session with the following motion:

Motion: Proposed by Ms. Geldzahler and seconded by Mr. Tom Papa 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.

Motion: Proposed by Ms. Geldzahler and seconded by Mr. Brian Ball that the Art Acquisitions Sub-committee go into closed session to consult with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. The relevant exemption is Section 2.2-3711(A)(8 and 29) of the Code of Virginia. Motion carried.

At 11:13am, the meeting resumed in open session with the following motion:

Motion: Proposed by Ms. Geldzahler and seconded by Dr. Betty Crutcher that the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee meeting come out of closed session and to 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 Ms. Geldzahler 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.

Motion: Proposed by Ms. Geldzahler and seconded by Mr. Dye that the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee recommend to the Full Board of Trustees that Director and CEO Alex Nyerges and Dr. Michael Taylor, Chief Curator and Deputy Director for Art and Education, to be authorized to accept gifts of art offered to the museum between December 6, 2023 and December 31, 2023. Motion carried.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by the committee at 11:14am.

Recorded by: Kay Baker
Administrative Assistant

MOTION: Ms. Janet Geldzahler

MEETING: Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee

SECOND: Mr. Tom Papa and Mr. Brian Ball

DATE: December 5, 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: Geldzahler / Ball / Conner / Cooper / Crutcher / Dye / O'Keefe / Papa

NAYS: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Harris / Petersen