

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Draft Minutes of the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 3:00pm  
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Matt Cooper, Chair  
Janet Geldzahler, Vice Chair, *Virtual (personal)*  
Brian Ball  
Cindy Conner  
Betty Neal Crutcher  
Ken Dye  
Jil Harris  
Sarah O'Keefe  
Tom Papa  
Michele Petersen  
Lynette Allston, ex-officio

Absent: None

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer  
Alexis Assam  
Kay Baker  
Candy Banks  
Dayal Baxani  
Caprice Bragg  
David Cary  
Sylvain Cordier  
Theresa Cunningham  
Sarah Eckhardt  
Anne Noland Edwards  
Endy Ezeoluomba  
Emily Franklin  
Courtney Freeman  
Marcia Gilliam  
Martha Glasser  
Anne Goettman  
Aiesha Halstead  
Melinda Hardy  
Courtney Hargrove  
Andrew Harris  
Jan Hachette  
Li Jian  
Sarah Kennel  
Bill Keyes  
Marianne Littel  
Deb Love, Office of the Attorney General  
Leo Mazow  
Whitney Murphy  
Christopher Oliver

Valerie Cassel Oliver  
Amanda Qreitem  
Susan Rawles  
Christina Shin  
Anne Smith  
Michael Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sub-Committee Chair Matt Cooper called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

**Motion:** Proposed by Ms. Michelle Petersen and seconded by Dr. Betty Neal Crutcher to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

III. PURCHASE, GIFT, AND LOAN CONSIDERATIONS

At 3:04pm, the meeting went into closed session with the following motion:

**Motion:** Proposed by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Tom Papa that the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee 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 4:54pm, the meeting resumed in open session with the following motion:

**Motion:** Proposed by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Dr. Crutcher that the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee 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 Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Brian Ball that the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee recommend to the Full Board of Trustees that they approve the art purchases, gifts, deaccessions, and loan considerations as fully described in the meeting packets. Motion carried.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved by the Committee at 4:55pm.

Recorded by Karen McGill,  
Director of Advancement Administration

MOTION: Matt Cooper

MEETING: Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee

SECOND: Jil Harris

DATE: June 11, 2024

**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: Ball / Conner / Cooper / Crutcher / Dye / Geldzahler / Harris / O'Keefe / Papa / Petersen

NAYS: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None