

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 11:15pm  
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

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

Absent:

Jim Cheng

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer  
Jame Anderson, SmithGroup  
Caprice Bragg  
Edie Cabaniss  
David Cary  
Stephanie Cooperstein  
Courtney Freeman  
Abby Gump, Office of the Attorney General  
Jan Hatchette  
Tim Hill  
Andy Lewis  
Bob Mooney  
Curt Manchester, Office of the Attorney General  
Casey Nye  
John O'Connor  
Anne Smith  
Michael Taylor  
Brett Thompson, Gilbane Construction Company  
Charlie Whitaker

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Brian Ball called the meeting to order at 11:16am.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

**Motion:** Proposed by Ms. Janet Geldzahler and seconded by Dr. Pam Royal to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023 meeting of the Building Committee as distributed. Motion carried.

III. EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Alex Nyerges, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Director and Chief Executive Officer, reported that a contract has been awarded for the renovation of the Leslie Cheek Theater and that work will begin soon. He then stated that the schematic design of the expansion is being reviewed by the Division of Engineering and Building within the Commonwealth's Department of Planning and Budget. SmithGroup and VMFA have addressed any questions that have come up during the review.

IV. EXPANSION DESIGN UPDATES

Ms. Jame Anderson, SmithGroup Principal-in-Charge, provided an update of the schematic design process to-date.

V. ADJOURNMENT/OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by the committee at 11:50am.

Recorded by: Stephanie Cooperstein  
Executive Administrator