

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 10:00am
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Jil Harris, Co-Chair
Betty Neal Crutcher, Co-Chair
Ken Dye
Anne Noland Edwards
Martha Glasser
Marianne Littel
Anne Smith
Ashlin Wilbanks
Michel Zajur
Lynette Allston, Trustee President, ex-officio

Absent:

Gil Bland
Rooz Dadabhoy
Ann Goettman
Kirsti Goodwin
Bill Keyes
Rupa Tak

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer
Jeffrey Allison
Kay Baker
Candy Banks
Dayal Baxani
Maura Bisceglia
Nan Boyd
Caprice Bragg
David Cary
Stephanie Cooperstein
Celeste Fetta
Cherry Gardner
Carolyn Garner, Foundation Liaison
Jan Hatchette
Karen McGill
Whitney Murphy
Amanda Qreitem
Christina Shin
Michael Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Jil Harris called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: Proposed by Ms. Harris and seconded by Dr. Betty Neal Crutcher to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023 Education Committee meeting as distributed.
Motion carried.

II. EDUCATION UPDATES

Ms. Celeste Fetta, VMFA's Joan P. Brock Director of Education and Assistant Deputy Director for Art and Education, reported that through May of this fiscal year, Education and Distance Learning provided nearly 3,000 programs, serving almost 210,000 attendees. The 'Teen Stylin' event served 200 people in person and 700 by livestream. There were 58 designers from 38 schools.

Additionally, Ms. Fetta reported that the department had 12 paid interns serving various educational programs, including an AAMD intern, one of only 10 museums across the country to have one.

Plans are being made to ensure clear access to the Studio School and limit the impact to parking during construction in the area. The *Transformation* exhibition opening will be on Friday, June 14 from 5-7pm and Ms. Fetta encouraged all to attend.

The museum will participate in the VA250 project which will include an exhibition featuring Junius Brutus Stearns' *Life of George Washington*, from February-July of 2026, *United States: Population and Perspectives*, a Distance Learning session which will address the legacy and continuing challenge of the American Revolution, and a *VMFA on the Road* exhibition in 2025-2026.

III. STATEWIDE UPDATES

Mr. Jeffrey Allison, VMFA's Manager of Statewide Programs and Exhibitions and Paul Mellon Collection Educator, followed up to note that the *VMFA on the Road* exhibition mentioned will be using authentic works of art from a mix of objects in the American and Modern and Contemporary galleries pertaining to the founding of the nation.

Mr. Allison noted that the William King Museum of Art in Abingdon currently has two exhibitions from VMFA on view: *The Art of Advertisement* and *Benjamin Wigfall and Printmaking in Virginia*. He mentioned several locations that the artmobile has visited recently including stops in Franklin, Courtland, VMI Alumni Weekend, Capital One in McLean which was open to the public, and the First Robotics competition in Blacksburg.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved by the Committee at 10:39am.

Recorded by Karen McGill,
Director of Advancement Administration