

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

There were present:

Matt Cooper, Chair  
Janet Geldzahler, Vice Chair, *virtual (medical-caregiver)*  
Brian Ball  
Cindy Conner  
Betty Neal Crutcher  
Ken Dye  
Jil Harris  
Sarah O'Keefe  
Christina Shin  
Lynette Allston, Trustee President, Ex-officio

Absent:

Tom Papa

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer  
Alexis Assam  
Kay Baker  
Dayal Baxani  
Caprice Bragg  
David Cary  
Stephanie Cooperstein  
Sylvain Cordier  
Theresa Cunningham  
Katie Domurat  
Birch Douglass  
Sarah Eckhardt  
Courtney Freeman  
Marcia Gilliam  
Anne Goettman  
Aiesha Halstead  
Courtney Hargrove  
Andrew Harris  
Jan Hatchette  
Siera HYTE  
Sarah Kennel  
Sally Marvin  
Leo Mazow  
Whitney Murphy  
Christopher Oliver  
Valerie Cassel Oliver  
Amanda Qreitem  
Susie Rawles  
John Henry Rice  
Marie Royce  
Anne Smith

Michael Taylor  
Iya Tsyrkot

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

**Motion:** Proposed by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Ms. Christina Shin to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2024 Art Acquisitions Sub-committee meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

III. PURCHASE, GIFT, AND LOAN CONSIDERATIONS

At 3:03pm, the meeting went into closed session with the following motion:

**Motion:** Proposed by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Dr. Betty Neal Crutcher 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 4:44pm, the meeting resumed in open session with the following motion:

**Motion:** Proposed by Mr. Cooper and seconded 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 Ms. Sara O'Keefe 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.

**Motion:** Proposed by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Ken Dye that the Art Acquisitions Sub-committee recommend to the Full Board of Trustees that Mr. Alex Nyerges, VMFA Director and Chief Executive Officer and Dr. Michael Taylor, Artistic Director and Chief Curator be authorized to accept gifts of art offered to the museum between December 5 and December 31, 2024.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved by the committee at 4:45pm.

Recorded by: Stephanie Cooperstein,  
Executive Administrator

MOTION: Matt Cooper

MEETING: Art Acquisitions Sub-committee

SECOND: Christina Shin

DATE: December 3, 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 / Shin

NAYS: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Papa