

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Draft Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 1:45pm  
Smurfit Westrock Art Education Center

There were present:

Jil Harris, Co-Chair  
Betty Neal Crutcher, Co-Chair  
Anne Noland Edwards  
Emily Franklin  
Ann Goettman  
Marianne Littel  
Anne Smith

Absent:

Gil Bland  
Loran Brueggen  
Rooz Dadabhoy  
Marcia Gilliam  
Kirsti Goodwin  
Bill Keyes  
Amanda Qreitem  
Rupa Tak  
Michel Zajur

By Invitation:

Jeffrey Allison  
Kay Baker  
Maura Bisceglia  
Kelly Bisogno  
David Cary  
Celeste Fetta  
Cherry Gardner  
Jan Hatchette  
Roxana Jordan  
Maggie McGurn  
Sarah Rasich  
Marie Royce  
Michael Taylor  
MaryMoss Walker

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Jil Harris called the meeting to order at 1:46pm.

## II. TOUR OF SMURFIT WESTROCK ART EDUCATION CENTER

Celeste Fetta, Joan P. Brock Director of Education and Assistant Deputy Director for Education, Statewide and the Library, led the committee on a tour of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts' facilities related to educational programming. She reported that in fiscal year 2025 through the end of May, the Education Department offered over 2,800 programs serving more than 212,000 people. Highlights of the tour included learning about the Library's archives and research programs, the Art Education Center, and initial renovation plans for the Interactive Gallery. Fetta shared that group visits and tours for adults and students for the year exceeded 1,600 (includes over 150 *Frida: Beyond the Myth* exhibition tours) with 31,500 participants. The tour concluded with VMFA Distance Learning staff, Sarah Rasich and Maggie McGurn, providing an overview of the program

## III. STATEWIDE UPDATES

Jeffrey Allison, Manager of Statewide Programs and Exhibitions and Paul Mellon Collection Educator, provided an overview of VMFA's statewide program along with a brief history of its partnership program. He reported that VMFA has nearly 1,600 statewide partners and 24 at the museum level. Allison noted that the statewide professional consultations program continues to grow, and that VMFA is working with the Pamunkey Reservation to build a new museum. He concluded his report by sharing that VMFA is on target to exceed FY24's statewide attendance.

## IV. MINUTES APPROVAL

**Motion:** Proposed by Jil Harris and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2024 Education Committee meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

## V. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

Celeste Fetta thanked Dr. Betty Neal Crutcher, Education Committee Co-Chair who will complete her second and final term with the VMFA Board of Trustees, for her support and leadership. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved by the committee at 2:47pm.

Recorded by: Kay Baker  
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