

**Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco Board of Trustees**

**Wednesday, October 15, 2025  
de Young Museum - Koret Auditorium  
50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive  
San Francisco, CA 94118**

**This meeting was duly noticed and the agenda was posted in accordance with the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance.**

**Draft Meeting Minutes**

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**Call to order - Diane B. Wilsey, Chair Emerita, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco Board of Trustees**

**Action:** The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

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**Calling of the Roll - Jenny Sonnenschein, Executive Assistant to the Director and CEO and Board Administrator**

**Board Members Present:**

Tobi Adamolekun

Jamie Bowles, Vice President

Margaret Conley

Thomas Horn

Dorka Keehn

Diane Wilsey, Chair Emerita

**Board Members on Zoom:**

None

**Board Members Absent:**

Jack Calhoun

Carl Pascarella

**Also present:** Lisa Grove, Chief Program & Strategy Officer; Jason Seifer, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer; Emily Beeny, Chief Curator; Jenny Sonnenschein, Executive Assistant to the Director & CEO and Board Administrator.

**Quorum:** A quorum was present

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**Approval of the Minutes - Diane B. Wilsey, Chair Emerita, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco Board of Trustees**

Mrs. Wilsey called for approval of minutes for the May 21 and October 1, 2025 Board of Trustees meetings (**Attachment A** in the Board packet, circulated to Trustees in advance and posted online as part of the publicly noticed agenda).

**Motion:** Made and seconded

**Discussion Among Trustees:** None

**Vote:** All in favor; none opposed

**Action:** The minutes of the May 21, 2025 and October 1, 2025 meetings of the Board of Trustees were unanimously approved.

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**Report of the Nominating Committee - Jamie Bowles, Nominating Committee Chair, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco Board of Trustees**

Jamie Bowles, Chair of the Nominating Committee, stated that the Nominating Committee recently met and has recommended that David Spencer be put forth as a candidate for election to the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Bowles asked if there were any questions or comments from the trustees or from the public. Hearing none, a motion to approve the recommendation was made.

**Motion:** Made and seconded

**Discussion Among Trustees:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Vote:** All in favor; none opposed

**Action:** David Spencer was elected as a Trustee to the FAMSF Board, effective October 14, 2025. Mrs. Bowles welcomed him to the Board.

Mrs. Bowles introduced the proposed resolution resetting the number of trustee positions, as set forth under **Item IV.B.** of the publicly posted agenda.

**Motion:** Made and seconded

**Discussion Among Trustees:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Vote:** All in favor; none opposed

**Action:** Resolution Number 1966 is hereby adopted and recorded in the official minutes

Jamie Bowles then moved on to the next order of business: consideration of the appointment of a new Board President. Trustee Tom Horn nominated David Spencer. Jamie Bowles asked if there were any additional nominations. Hearing none, she requested a motion to appoint David Spencer as President of the FAMSF Board of Trustees.

**Motion:** Made and seconded

**Discussion Among Trustees:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Vote:** All in favor; none opposed

**Action:** The motion carried. David Spencer was elected President of the Board of Trustees. Jamie Bowles congratulated and welcomed him in his new role.

Mr. Spencer thanked the Board.

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### **Report of the President – David Spencer, President, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco Board of Trustees**

President Spencer introduced the next order of business: approval of the FY26 Board meeting dates, as set forth under **Item V.B.** of the publicly posted agenda and included in the Board packet for trustee review.

**Motion:** Made and seconded

**Discussion Among Trustees:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Vote:** All in favor; none opposed

**Action:** The motion carried. The FY26 Board meeting schedule was approved as presented.

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### **Report of the Acquisitions Committee – Lisa Grove, Chief Program and Strategy Officer, on behalf of Thomas P. Campbell, Director and CEO**

President Spencer called on Lisa Grove to present the Acquisitions Committee report. Upon completion of Ms. Grove's report, President Spencer introduced consideration and possible action to approve the Draft Report of the September 11, 2025 Acquisitions Committee Meeting, as set forth in **Appendix B** of the publicly posted agenda and included in the Board packet for trustee review.

**Motion:** Made and seconded

**Discussion Among Trustees:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Vote:** All in favor; none opposed

**Action:** The motion carried. The Draft Report of the September 11, 2025 Acquisitions Committee Meeting was accepted as presented.

President Spencer then introduced consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Director to Accept the 2025 Year-End Gifts of Art, as set forth under **Item VI.B.** of the publicly posted agenda and included in the Board packet for trustee review.

**Motion:** Made and seconded

**Discussion Among Trustees:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Vote:** All in favor, none opposed

**Action:** **Resolution Number 1967** is hereby adopted and recorded in the official minutes

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### **Report of the Director and CEO – Lisa Grove, Chief Program and Strategy Officer, on behalf of Thomas P. Campbell, Director and CEO**

Lisa Grove noted that the first order of business was consideration and possible action to approve the loan requests listed in **Appendix C** of the meeting packet.

**Motion:** Made and seconded

**Discussion Among Trustees:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Vote:** All in favor; none opposed

**Action:** The motion passed unanimously

### **Exhibition updates**

Lisa Grove provided an update on current and upcoming exhibitions at the de Young and Legion of Honor.

### **Free Saturdays**

Ms. Grove reported on the incredible continued success of our Free Saturdays program which has welcomed 750,000 visitors since its inception and thanked Mrs. Wilsey for making this program possible.

### **Education Updates**

Lisa Grove reported that the Legion 100 celebration concluded successfully and that education programs continue to engage diverse audiences across all ages. She also noted a robust season of public programs, including talks by Emily Beeny and Thomas P. Campbell, reflecting the museums' ongoing commitment to access and learning.

### **Building Updates**

Lisa Grove reported that the museums received green business certification from the San Francisco Environment Department, recognizing continued progress in sustainability and operational excellence.

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### **Report of the CFO - Jason Seifer, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer**

Jason Seifer reported on the FY26 budget which was approved on August 1, 2025 at \$21 million another \$2 million of capital.

Mr. Seifer introduced consideration and possible action to adopt a Resolution Acknowledging Funding Expended by the Corporation of the Fine Arts Museums during the period April 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025, as set forth under **Item VIII.B.** of the publicly posted agenda and included in the Board packet for trustee review.

**Motion:** Made and seconded

**Discussion Among Trustees:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Vote:** All in favor, none opposed

**Action: Resolution Number 1968** is hereby adopted and recorded in the official minutes

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### **Commission Streamlining Task Force Update**

Jason Seifer reported that the Streamlining Task Force was established following voter approval of Proposition E (November 2024) to review all City commissions for potential modification, consolidation, or elimination to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government. The task force began meeting in August 2025. They have made several preliminary recommendations for the FAMSF Commission and will deliver its final recommendations to the mayor and Board of Supervisors by February 1, 2026. Trustees discussed ways they might advocate on behalf of the FAMSF Commission.

### **Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Update**

Jason Seifer reported on ongoing Sunshine Ordinance Task Force matters related to public records, quorum interpretations, and nonprofit compliance. FAM is working with the City Attorney to ensure alignment with current regulations and corrective actions.

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### **Curatorial Presentation – Emily Beeny, Chief Curator of the Legion of Honor and Barbara A. Wolfe Chair for European Painting**

Emily Beeny presented an overview of the newly opened exhibition *Manet & Morisot* at the Legion of Honor.

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### **General Public Comment - Diane B. Wilsey, Chair Emerita**

Mrs. Wilsey called for members of the public to address the Board of Trustees.

**Public Comment:** None

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**Adjournment - Diane B. Wilsey, Chair Emerita**

Jamie Bowles noted the sad news that former trustee Belva Davis passed away last week. Belva played an active and important role in the de Young rebuilding campaign and championed the Museums' education initiatives during her tenure.

**Action:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m. in memory of former trustee Belva Davis.

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**Submitted by,**

**Jenny Sonnenschein**

**Executive Assistant to the Director & CEO | Board Administrator**

***These draft minutes are to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees at its next regularly scheduled meeting.***