

Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco Board of Trustees

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026
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

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 3:03 p.m.

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

Board Members Present:

Tobi Adamolekun
Jamie Bowles
Margaret Conley
Thomas E. Horn
Carl F. Pascarella
David Hooker Spencer, FAMSF Board President

Diane B. Wilsey, Chair Emerita

Board Members on Zoom:

None

Board Members Absent:

Jack Calhoun
Dorka Keehn

Also present: Thomas P. Campbell, Director & CEO; Lisa Grove, Chief of Staff and Strategy; Jason Seifer, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer; Jenny Sonnenschein, Executive Assistant to the Director & CEO and Board Administrator.

Quorum: A quorum was present

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

Mrs. Wilsey called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting (**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 January 21, 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees were unanimously approved.

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

President Spencer welcomed the Trustees, staff, and members of the public and thanked them for their continued support of the Museums.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Jamie Bowles Nominating Committee Chair

Mrs. Bowles reported that the Nominating Committee met earlier in the day and recommended the nomination of Robert Domergue and Maryam Muduroglu to new three-year terms on the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Bowles also reported that the Committee recommended the re-election of Jamie Bowles to a second one-year term as Vice President and the re-election of Tom Horn to a second one-year term on the Nominating Committee. She noted that formal votes on these recommendations would take place at the June 10, 2026 Board meeting.

Report of the Director and CEO – Thomas P. Campbell, Director and CEO

Mr. Campbell introduced the next order of business: the consideration and possible action to approve the loan request listed in Appendix B of the meeting packet. The request involved a Jess Collins painting requested by Craig Starr Gallery in New York for an upcoming exhibition.

Motion: Made and seconded

Discussion Among Trustees: None

Public Comment: None

Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Action: The loan request was unanimously approved.

Museum Updates

Mr. Campbell reported that the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco ranked as the seventh most visited art museum in the United States in 2025. He highlighted the continued success of the Free Saturdays' program, noting that attendance on Saturdays has increased significantly since the program's launch in 2019. Trustees complimented the museum for these impressive accomplishments.

Mr. Campbell also shared updates on the *Monet and Venice* exhibition currently on view at the de Young, the upcoming *The Etruscans: From the Heart of Ancient Italy* exhibition opening at the Legion of Honor, and the forthcoming *Treasures of the Pharaohs* exhibition opening later in the year. Additional updates included the launch of Bloomberg Connects audio guide programming, upcoming education initiatives including de Youngsters Day Out, and facilities improvement projects currently underway at both museums.

Trustees discussed parking and garage access challenges during high-attendance exhibitions and encouraged continued coordination with Recreation and Park Department staff to improve visitor flow during peak visitation periods.

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

Mr. Seifer presented the financial and budget reports. He reviewed the FY26 operating budget, the FY27 budget submission, and ongoing discussions with the Mayor's Budget Office regarding projected City budget reductions.

Mr. Seifer also provided updates on proposed capital improvement projects for both the de Young and Legion of Honor, including fire alarm and building management system upgrades, security infrastructure improvements, and related facilities investments currently under review by the City.

Curatorial Presentation – Emily Beeny, Chief Curator of the Legion of Honor and Barbara A. Wolfe Curator in Charge of European Paintings

Dr. Beeny presented highlights of *Monet and Venice*, currently on view at the de Young. The presentation explored Monet's 1908 trip to Venice, the artistic influences that informed the exhibition, and the relationship between Monet's Venice paintings and his later *Water Lilies* series.

Dr. Beeny also discussed key works included in the exhibition, including paintings by Canaletto, Turner, Whistler, Renoir, Sargent, and Signac, as well as Monet's process of revisiting and completing many of the Venice paintings after returning to Giverny.

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

Adjournment - Diane B. Wilsey, Chair Emerita

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

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.