**DRAFT MINUTES**

**COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL STATUES IN THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL**

**June 18, 2025, 1:30 p.m.**

**Virginia Museum of History & Culture**

**Reynolds Leadership Center-2nd Floor**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Senator Louise Lucas

Dr. Edward Ayers

Dr. Colita Fairfax

Ms. Margie Vanderhye

Delegate Jeion Ward

Ms. Julie Langan, Ex Officio

Members not in attendance:

Chief Anne Richardson

Dr. Fred Motley

DHR Staff:

Stephanie Williams

Roger Kirchen

Jennifer Pullen

Brad McDonald

**ATTENDEES:**

Robert Johns

Sydney Trent

Ernest Johns

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lucas called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.

Ms. Williams took attendance by roll call.

**APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2024 MINUTES**

Chair Lucas asked for a motion to approve the February 24, 2024 minutes. Delegate Ward made the motion. Dr. Fairfax seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF VIRTUAL MEETING POLICY**

Chair Lucas called upon Deputy Williams to present the virtual meeting policy. Ms. Vanderhye made the motion and Delegate Ward seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Langan relayed that there were no written comments received since the last meeting.

Robert Johns thanks the Commission and the sculptor.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Chair Lucas asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Delegate Ward made the motion. Dr. Fairfax seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION/UPDATE**

Ms. Langan presented pictures of the sculpture and discussed timeline. She thanked the family, the Commission and Steven Weitzman, the sculptor.

**DISCUSSION**

Enthusiastic discussion from the Commission. Senator Lucas asked for a motion to approve the sculpture. Dr. Fairfax made the motion. Delegate Ward seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

**NEXT STEPS**

Ms. Langan notes the next steps-see PowerPoint. Ms. Langan welcomed ideas for the program for the unveiling. There is a discussion about where the unveiling will take place, type of music, how much it will cost, small replicas being given away, sponsorships, guest list.

Ms. Williams notes that there is one more person who would like to make a public comment. Mr. Townsend thanked the Commission and offered a sponsorship from the Moton Museum.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lucas adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.