

**Frontier Culture Museum Board of Trustees**  
**Executive Committee – Lower Octagonal Barn**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**February 18, 2026 2 p.m.**

Members Attending: John Avoli, Ned Ruby, Steve Landes, Peggy Sheets, Paul Vames

Members Absent: Katrina Callsen

Guests Attending: None

Staff Attending: Lydia Volskis

**I. Call to Order and Welcome** Mrs. Peggy Sheets

Board and Committee Chair Mrs. Peggy Sheets called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

**II. Approve February 2025 Minutes** Mrs. Sheets

The minutes of the February 2026 meeting were approved as distributed.

**VII. New Business** Mrs. Sheets

Mrs. Sheets asked for a vote of approval for the new gallery process of content development to continue with staff and Trustee collaboration with scholars to continue with design work. The motion should affirm that the Executive Committee approves the exhibit content and work to date with the scholars and will present a report to the full Board of Trustees in April. Mr. Avoli made the motion as stated above, the motion was seconded by Mr. Landes, there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The last set of Trustee appointments were approved by the General Assembly; this includes Mrs. Bragg, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Bowers. There was some discussion of potential new Trustee Members.

**VIII. Closed session** Mrs. Sheets, Committee

At 2:10 p.m. Mr. Landes said:

*I move that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia enter closed session for:*

1. *Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of*

*the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, pursuant to the exemption in Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(5), and related to the potential sale or lease of real property conveyed by the Museum to the American Frontier Culture Foundation.*

*and*

2. *Discussion of the assignment, appointment, performance, salary, or resignation of a specific employee pursuant to the exemption in Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1), specifically related to the Executive Director.*

The motion was seconded by Mr. Vames, there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

At 2:50 Mr. Avoli said:

I move that the Committee enter open session

The motion was seconded by Mr. Landes, there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Avoli said:

### **3. Certification Motion**

*Whereas, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia convened in closed meeting on February 18, 2026 pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;*

*NOW BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-3712, that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Frontier Culture Museum hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge:*

*(1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia law, and*

*(2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened*

*were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia.*

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ruby, there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously. Each Member then certified verbally that no other matters had been discussed.

**IX. Next Meeting (the week of March 23)**

Mrs. Sheets

**X. Adjournment**

Mrs. Sheets

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.