

Advisory Commission on Portraits

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2020

Opening:

Co-chair Lanier called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm on January 15, 2020 at the Supreme Court of North Carolina, 2 E. Morgan Street, Raleigh, NC 27601.

Establishment of Quorum:

Commission staff Amanda Bryan called roll. Quorum was established with the following members present:

Rachel Blunk
Shelley Edwards
Hon. Bob Hunter
Michelle Lanier
Danny Moody
Bree Newsome-Bass
Dr. Elliot Palmer
R.E. "Steve" Stevenson III
Hon. Willis Whichard
Dr. Lyneise Williams

Approval of Minutes:

Co-chair Lanier requested a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting. Dr. Palmer so moved, and Commissioner Stevenson seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote

New Business:

Report and Recommendation Deadline. Co-chair Lanier noted the Supreme Court's entry of an Administrative Order extending the deadline for the Commission's report and recommendation to December 31, 2020.

Scheduling matters. The Commission discussed matters related to scheduling of meetings throughout 2020. Co-chairs Lanier and Moody to propose future meeting dates after receiving Commissioners' input.

Motion by Dr. Palmer. Dr. Palmer introduced the following two-part written motion:

- I. I move that we proceed to develop "policies and guidelines" for the collection, presentation, and preservation of the pictorial history of the North Carolina Supreme Court.
- II. Implementation of motion above

In the next and subsequent meeting(s) we will discuss and develop such areas as:

- A. How do we collect (secure) portraits? Thru 1) state funded, 2) donations, or 3) other sources?
- B. Size of portraits – 1) Uniform, 2) Other?
What do we do with portraits on hand?
- C. Where, when and how will portraits be exhibited?
- D. Who will be responsible for; and, how will they be preserved?
- E. Public relations and/or other concerns.

The motion was seconded by multiple Commissioners.

The motion passed by a vote of 7-1.

Public comment. The Commission discussed whether to solicit public comment with regard to artwork at the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Co-chairs Lanier and Moody to propose plan for soliciting public comment.

N.C.G.S. § 100-2.1 (2019). Justice Whichard questioned the impact of N.C.G.S. § 100-2.1 on the Court's options with regard to artwork at the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Co-chair Lanier to solicit a legal opinion regarding this question.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.