

**Citizens' Advisory Council for Furnishing and Interpreting the Executive Mansion**  
**Meeting Minutes – 4/30/2026**

The Citizens' Advisory Council for Furnishing and Interpreting the Executive Mansion met on Thursday, April 30, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Chair Betsy Beamer.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2025, meeting. The motion was carried.

Chair Betsy Beamer welcomed the new members to the CAC:

- Siobhan Deeds
- Leonard Lacey
- Julia Marsden
- Justin Sarafin
- Jim Schuyler
- Gayle Jessup White
- Dee Dee Boone

The Chair circulated a list of available Committee roles and asked members to choose an assignment.

The Chair proposed a slate of new officers for two positions:

- Vice Chair                      Julia Marsden
- Treasurer                      Jim Schuyler

A motion was made and seconded to accept this slate of officers. The motion was carried. It was announced that the Council would vote on a new Chair at the June meeting.

The Treasurer's report was given by Jim Schuyler. The current balance of the FY2025 budget is \$11,024.26.

The Mansion Director's report was given by Amy Bridge. She reported that Garden Tour of the previous week had resulted in approximately 800 visitors and that members of the Garden Club of Fairfax had created the floral decorations. Amy also shared that the public tour schedule was not changed from the previous administration and that tours were offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm.

Amy continued her report with information about the new art exhibition planned by the First Gentleman. The new exhibit will present Virginia's history as a series of ongoing

revolutions – not a single founding moment, but a continuous struggle to define freedom, expand opportunity, and shape belonging. Together, the works will invite reflection on where Virginia has been, who has shaped it, and how its story continues to unfold. Staff from the Mansion and the First Gentleman’s office are working with the Library of Virginia and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts to deinstall current artwork and install the new exhibit the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be approximately \$5,000 in framing costs associated with this exhibit which will be covered by the CAC.

In addition, Amy gave a report on the rugs on the first floor. During the previous administration, Governor and Mrs. Youngkin generously personally purchased three rugs for use in the Mansion during their administration; however, these rugs left the Mansion with the Youngkins. Since January DGS has been renting a rug for the entrance foyer and two rugs for the ballrooms from Kambourian Rugs in Richmond. The First Gentleman had found donor who has agreed to donate the funds necessary to purchase the rugs for the Mansion. The initial sales price of the rugs was \$54,000; however, a portion of the rental cost was applied to the purchase price making the final price \$44,000. In addition to the purchase of the rugs for the Mansion, the donor would like to pay to have a custom rug designed and manufactured for the entrance foyer as a project of the First Gentleman.

Amy also reported that the staff had identified a few small restoration and enhancement projects that they would like to undertake and will work with the relevant Committees on these projects.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

The next meeting of the CAC will be held on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.