

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
ASIAN ART COMMISSION
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
February 7, 2025, 10:00 – 11:00am

Attending: Martha Hertelendy, Chair
Thao Dodson
Virginia Foo
Fred Levin
Merrill Randol

Absent: None

Also Participating: Jay Xu
Nada Perrone
Laura Hathhorn

Chair Martha Hertelendy called her first meeting to order at 10:07 a.m., a quorum being present. She welcomed fellow new members Thao Dodson and Merrill Randol, as well as continuing members, Virginia Foo and Fred Levin.

The committee discussed two recently vacated seats to be filled resulting from the resignations of Alexander D. Calhoun and Hansong Zhang. It was noted that Mr. Calhoun is the longest serving Commissioner, having been appointed by Mayor Alioto in 1969 when the Commission was founded. Chief Impact Officer Nada Perrone said Mr. Calhoun has said he will try to attend the April meeting for his fellow members and the staff to honor him. She also noted the museum would request a Proclamation from the City in honor of Mr. Calhoun, and that she would have someone on the marketing staff document Mr. Calhoun's story.

Ms. Hertelendy and Chief Impact Officer Nada Perrone reviewed and guided a discussion on the process for committee members to follow when recruiting candidates for the Commission, noting a finalized document could be circulated at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed its newest member, Tiffany Deng, who was appointed by Mayor Breed on December 17. The committee acknowledged that for Ms. Deng's appointment, the Mayor stepped outside of the protocol as stated in the City Charter:

In filling vacancies, the Mayor shall solicit nominations from the Commission and shall give due consideration to such nominees in filling such vacancies to the end that the members of the Commission shall be representative of the fields of Asian art and culture by reason of their knowledge, experience, education, training, interest or activity therein.

A discussion regarding demographics included residency, gender, age and ethnicity, as well as financial contribution requirements. Regarding financial contribution, the committee reviewed language stated in an expectations document for candidates to the Commission:

In keeping with the board policy of 100% annual fund participation, **Commissioners are encouraged to make an annual unrestricted gift contribution at the individual member's maximum ability, and are highly encouraged to do so at or above the minimum Foundation Trustee level, which is an annual unrestricted gift of \$50,000 per year.** In addition, Commissioners are encouraged to purchase tickets at one or more dinners and/or galas annually. They are also encouraged to support an exhibition or program of their choice during each year.

Regarding criteria, the committee noted the importance of being able to go into communities that are not currently strongly represented on the board (currently Japanese).

The committee discussed different ways, and from whom, to solicit names of potential candidates. Ms. Perrone presented information about Mr. Phil Ting as a potential Commission candidate, and noted she would meet with him for initial contact. The committee generally discussed the value of docents, former council members, family legacy, and they asked Ms. Perrone to check with Ned Segal in the Mayor's Office, Marsha Handley, Matt Bissinger, Abby Chen and others to compile a list of potential candidates.

Looking ahead to Commissioners whose terms expire as of the 2025 Annual Meeting (currently scheduled for

September 24, 2025), the committee approved Denise Bradley-Tyson, Martha Sam Hertelendy, Timothy F Kahn, Gorretti Lo Lui, and Anthony Sun for an additional three-year term ending as of the annual meeting in 2028.

Outgoing Director and CEO Jay Xu expressed his appreciation to the Committee.

There being no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.