

Women of Virginia,  
Commemorative Commission  
December 13, 2012

**Minutes**

Members in attendance:

Secretary Lisa M. Hicks-Thomas  
Senator Ryan McDougle  
Mrs. Em Bowles Locker Alsop  
Mrs. Mary Blanton Easterly  
Alice Lynch  
Jacqueline Hedblom  
Mrs. Kitty Claiborne

Delegate Jimmie Massie  
Paul Nardo  
Lissy Bryan  
Sandra G. Treadway  
Susan Schaar  
Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple

Secretary Lisa M. Hicks-Thomas, Chair of the Commission, called the meeting to order and made her opening remarks. Members introduced themselves and approved the minutes from the last Commission meeting on October 18, 2012. The Chair updated the Commission on a couple of issues dealing with press inquiries and designated Senator Mary Margaret Whipple, Commission member, to serve as a point of contact for the media.

Sec. Hicks-Thomas then opened the discussion of revising the timeline for the project, asking for final models to be due March 15 so the winner would be announced by the end of March 2013 in culmination of Women's History Month. At 2:15 PM, it was moved that the meeting go into closed session for discussing the artists' work pursuant to §2.2-3711 A(3) and (6) and §2.2-3712. Upon completing their discussion of the artists, and after passing the motion to go back into open session, the Committee did so with each member making the certification pursuant to §2.2-3712.

For other business matters, the Chair made the Commission aware that Annual Reports to the General Assembly were due in the coming weeks, and she was in the process of drafting that report for the Commission. Sen. Whipple suggested that the Chair appoint some kind of fundraising group to be ready to proceed when the finalist is announced in March.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 2 PM in Richmond.