**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Virtual Meeting of the**

**COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL STATUES IN THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL**

**February 24, 2024, 9 a.m.**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Senator Louise Lucas

Dr. Edward Ayers

Dr. Colita Fairfax

Ms. Margie Vanderhye

Dr. Fred Motley

Ms. Julie Langan, Ex Officio

Members not in attendance:

Delegate Jeion Ward

Chief Anne Richardson

DHR Staff:

Stephanie Williams

Jennifer Pullen

Sculptor:

Steven Weitzman

**ATTENDEES:**

Robert Johns

Joan Johns Cobbs

Sydney Trent

Ernest Johns

**WELCOME**

Ms. Langan welcomed everyone and introduced Chair Lucas.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lucas called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

Ms. Williams took attendance by roll call.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Chair Lucas asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Ayers made the motion. Dr. Fairfax seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 30, 2023, MINUTES**

Chair Lucas asked for a motion to approve the March 30, 2023, minutes. A motion was made by Dr. Fairfax. Dr. Ayers seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Langan relayed that there were no written comments received since the last meeting.

Ms. Williams confirmed that there was no one registered to speak virtually.

**DISCUSSION**

Ms. Langan provided an overview of her visit to Mr. Weitzman’s studio on January 25, 2024, to see the full-scale model.

There was discussion about the podium, book titles and size of the model. The Commission relays ‘great job’ to sculptor.

**APPROVAL OF THE MODEL**

Chair Lucas asks for the approval of the model. Dr. Motley made the motion. Dr. Fairfax seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

**NEXT STEPS**

Ms. Langan notes the next steps in the process -see PowerPoint. There is a discussion about timing, the foundry and possible dedication date.

Joan Cobbs thanks the committee, Julie, and the sculptor for the changes to the model and for including the Johns family in the process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lucas adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.