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## Museum Announces New Board Leadership and Trustees

Richmond, VA — The Virginia Historical Society Board of Trustees, the historic group that governs the Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC), begins the new year with new leadership and new trustees.

Charles L. Cabell of Richmond, Partner at Williams Mullen, will serve as Chair of the Board. He previously served as Vice Chair from 2016 to 2018. Dr. Pamela Kiecker Royall of Richmond, Head of Enrollment Services Research at EAB, will serve as Vice Chair — the first woman to serve in a board leadership role in the organization's 188-year history.

Joanie D. Eiland of Staunton and Peter F. Farrell of Richmond will begin their 6-year volunteer board service this month. Ms. Eiland and Mr. Farrell join two other new trustees elected earlier in 2018, Dr. Makola M. Abdullah, President of Virginia State University, and Victor K. Branch, Richmond Region Market President for Bank of America.

"These are times of great change and progress for the museum, and we are thrilled to have these impressive new additions," said Jamie O. Bosket, President and CEO. "Their guidance and leadership will be essential as we work tirelessly to open our doors to a larger and more diverse audience and provide the Commonwealth with the history and culture museum our story and our people deserve."

Joanie D. Eiland lives in Staunton and is President of Elk Trucking, Inc. and Elk Brokerage, LLC, both of which she co-founded with her husband, Randy Laird, in 1995. Ms. Eiland helps to mentor start-ups and entrepreneurs and works with the Computer Information Systems Department at James Madison University in the development of apps for small businesses. She is affiliated with the boards of Nielsen Construction Company, First Union Bank, Industrial Development Authority of Staunton, Staunton/Augusta/Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce, Blue Ridge Community College Foundation Board, and WVPT Harrisonburg. Ms. Eiland is a graduate of Hollins University.

Peter F. Farrell lives in Henrico and is Director of Tuckahoe Holdings and previously was an Associate at Cary Street Partners. He is a founding member of Recast Energy, LLC. Mr. Farrell represented the 56<sup>th</sup> District in Virginia's House of Delegates from 2012 to 2018, serving on the Education, Finance and Commerce, and Labor committees. He earned an MBA from Virginia Commonwealth University and an undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is owned and operated by the Virginia Historical Society — a private, non-profit organization established in 1831. The historical society is the oldest cultural organization in Virginia, and one of the oldest and most distinguished history organizations in the nation. For use in its state history museum and its renowned research library, the historical society cares for a collection of nearly nine million items representing the ever-evolving story of Virginia.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is located at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond's Museum District. Hours are Monday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the galleries and museum shop, Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the research library. For more information call (804) 358-4901, visit [VirginiaHistory.org](http://VirginiaHistory.org), or connect with the Virginia Museum of History & Culture on Facebook and Twitter.

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