U.S. Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch Joins Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Board of Trustees

Trustee Thurston R. Moore named board chairman; outgoing Chairman Henry C. Wolf, predecessor Thomas F. Farrell II and Cynthia Milligan retire from the board following years of service to the Foundation

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Jan. 10, 2019) – The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation board of trustees has named member Thurston R. Moore, chairman emeritus and special counsel of the Richmond law firm Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, to serve as chairman of the board, and has elected U.S. Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch to serve as a trustee of the foundation.

Chairman Emeriti Henry C. Wolf, vice chairman and CFO-retired, Norfolk Southern Corp., and his predecessor, Thomas F. Farrell II, chairman, president and CEO of Dominion Energy, retired from the Foundation board along with Cynthia H. Milligan, dean emeritus, University of Nebraska and president, Wood Stieper Capital Group, effective with the Board’s regular November meeting.
Moore served as chairman of Hunton Andrews Kurth’s executive committee from 2005 to 2012 and as managing partner of the firm from 1991 to 2006. He has been honored as a fellow of both the Virginia Law Foundation and the American Bar Foundation. He earned his Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of Virginia.

“Thanks to the wise leadership of Hank, Tom, Cynthia and all my colleagues on the board, and through the dedication of the foundation’s employees, volunteers and supporters, Colonial Williamsburg is focused on its core mission and maintaining a new course toward financial health,” Moore said. “I’m grateful for the opportunity to serve this indispensable institution as we inspire new audiences and strengthen civil society for generations to come.”

Moore is president and a trustee of the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation, chairman of NextUp RVA, an executive committee member and past chairman of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, and a trustee emeritus of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Business Foundation. He is a past trustee and president of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and past chairman of the board of governors of St. Christopher’s School.

Justice Gorsuch was nominated as an associate justice of the Supreme Court by President Donald J. Trump and took his seat on April 10, 2017. He was appointed in 2006 to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and from 2005 to 2006 served at the U.S. Justice Department as principal deputy associate attorney general. From 1995 to 2005 he worked in private practice. He has taught at the University of Colorado Law School, served as a law clerk to Judge David B. Sentelle of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and served as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justices Byron White and Anthony M. Kennedy. Now retired from the high court, Justice Kennedy is also a trustee of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

“Colonial Williamsburg is an institution unique in the world and a place where we can disconnect from modern debate and reconnect with our shared, founding principles on the very ground where they were forged,” Justice Gorsuch said. “I’m honored to support an organization that preserves and shares this moment in our history, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on the board and across the entire foundation.”

Justice Gorsuch served on the Standing Committee on Rules for Practice and Procedure of the U.S. Judicial Conference, and as chairman of the Advisory Committee on Rules of Appellate Procedure. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia University, his Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School and his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Oxford University.

“Colonial Williamsburg is in the midst of transformation and renewal thanks in large part to the dedication and guidance of Hank, Tom and Cynthia,” said Mitchell B. Reiss, president and CEO of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. “We will build on their success under Thurston’s guidance as we welcome Justice Gorsuch and engage new, wider audiences with America’s enduring story.”

The other members of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation board are Kendrick F. Ashton, Jr., cofounder and co-CEO of The St. James; Edward L. Ayers, president emeritus, University of Richmond; Frank Batten Jr., chairman, president and CEO of Landmark Media Enterprises LLC and Dominion Enterprises; Catharine O’Neill Broderick, former trustee, Rockefeller Brothers Fund; Mark A. Coblitz, senior vice president, retired, Comcast Corp.; Walter B. Edgar, distinguished professor of history emeritus University of South Carolina; Carly Fiorina, former
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The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation preserves, restores and operates Virginia’s 18th-century capital of Williamsburg. Innovative and interactive experiences highlight the relevance of the American Revolution to contemporary life and the importance of an informed, active citizenry. The Colonial Williamsburg experience includes more than 400 restored or reconstructed original buildings, renowned museums of decorative arts and folk art, extensive educational outreach programs for students and teachers, lodging, culinary options from historic taverns to casual or elegant dining, the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club featuring 45 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones and his son Rees Jones, a full-service spa and fitness center, pools, retail stores and gardens. Philanthropic support and revenue from admissions, products and hospitality operations sustain Colonial Williamsburg’s educational programs and preservation initiatives.

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