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- 2 THE COURT: I will allow that
- 3 question, and it's been answered. The answer was,
- 4 "No."
- 5 BY MR. KLINE:
- 6 Q Ms. Rimel, would you please turn to Petitioners'
- 7 Exhibit Number 27, which I believe is in a book in
- 8 front of you.
- 9 A Which page?
- 10 Q Turn to the bottom of Page 2.
- 11 **A** Okay.
- 12 Q Now, if you look at that bottom paragraph, it
- 13 says, "The Foundation desires to continue to carry
- 14 out the purposes set forth in the Certificate" --
- 15 A I'm sorry. The bottom of my Page 2 says, "Donor
- 16 will, at the same time, convey" --
- MR. KLINE: Off the record.
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- 19 (Discussion off the record.)
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- 21 BY MR. KLINE:
- 22 Q Now, if you look at the last paragraph on Page 2
- 23 of the agreement between Pew and Lenfest and the
- 24 trustees, you will see that it starts with the
- 25 sentence, "The Foundation desires to continue to

- 2 carry out the purposes set forth in the Certificate
- of Incorporation, and so on and so forth, but if you
- 4 go down to the middle of that paragraph, I want to
- 5 read the following words to you.
- 6 It says, "Furthermore, The
- 7 Foundation's Bylaws severely limit The Foundation's
- 8 flexibility in meeting its needs in numerous areas,
- 9 such as the inability to move or loan its artwork,
- 10 the inability to construct buildings at the Merion
- 11 Facility, limiting the uses of the Merion facility,
- 12 the limited number of days and hours it is open to
- 13 the public, the number of trustees permitted to serve
- 14 on the Board and limits on who can serve as a
- 15 trustee, the limits on holding fundraising events at
- 16 the Merion Facility, and low entrance charges to
- 17 visitors to the gallery at the Merion Facility."
- 18 Would it surprise you to learn
- 19 that all of the things that are set forth in this
- 20 agreement that the Pew and Lenfest representatives
- 21 and the trustees of the Barnes Foundation show as
- 22 alternatives or obstacles are specific prescriptions
- 23 that are set forth in Doctor Barnes's 1922 Indenture
- 24 of Trust?
- 25 A I'm not familiar with the actual Indenture, as

- 2 you say, from the 1950's. It's my understanding that
- 3 there has been many changes over the time and that
- 4 Doctor Barnes allowed access to the gallery on many
- 5 different days, at many different times, and that he
- 6 didn't feel these limitations, in fact, would be
- 7 placed in different ways on different days. That's
- 8 my understanding, but, again, I'm not the expert.
- 9 Q So it's your understanding that these items that
- 10 I just read to you were not prescriptions in the 1922
- 11 Indenture of Trust of Albert Barnes?
- 12 A As I said, I'm not familiar with that Indenture.
- 13 It's my understanding that these things exist today
- 14 and, therefore, have limited the Barnes ability to
- 15 carry out its full mission and mandate.
- 16 Q When you met with Doctor Watson and
- 17 representatives of the Barnes Foundation, was there
- 18 any consideration of the prescriptions that were set
- 19 forth in the 1922 Indenture of Trust or the Bylaws of
- 20 the Barnes Foundation?
- 21 A Doctor Watson was quite clear that carrying out
- 22 the intentions of Doctor Barnes was first and
- 23 foremost in the minds of the trustees.
- 24 I really resonate with this
- 25 because I oversee a family trust as well, and half of

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- 2 my Board is made up of members of the founding
- 3 family. I have a son of donors, and I am blessed to
- 4 have grandchildren and other members of the family,
- 5 and, if you'll allow me, we spend a lot of time in
- 6 talking about donor intent, and I remember a very
- 7 difficult discussion we were having about a new topic
- 8 that the Foundation was to pursue.
- The eldest member of our Board,
- the son of one of the donors, said, "You know, 75
- 11 percent of the things that we're dealing with today
- 12 didn't even exist when the donors were alive. They
- 13 put us to be the wise stewards. They gave us that
- 14 responsibility about what they cared about and that
- 15 we should do the best we can in exercising our
- 16 stewardship responsibility, " and I believe that's
- 17 exactly what the Barnes's Board is trying to do, and
- 18 I understand it because it's what I try to do every
- 19 day on my own job as does my Board.
- 20 **Q** Now that you raise that issue, can I ask you
- 21 whether, if there is a provision in the trust of the
- 22 Pew Charitable Trusts, for example, that represents
- 23 the donors' intent, you would adhere to the intent of
- 24 that donor?
- MR. WELLINGTON: Objection, Your

- 2 Honor.
- 3 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain
- 4 the objection not because it's not on point, but I
- 5 don't think, from what I've heard this witness
- 6 testify, that it will be her call with respect to
- 7 this matter. She's not the one that will be
- 8 overseeing the adherence to the intent. She is from
- 9 the organization that's supplying the funding.
- 10 **Q** But do you agree, Ms. Rimel, that respecting the
- 11 intent of the donor is important in any charitable
- 12 giving?
- 13 A I think the responsibility of the Board that's
- 14 charged with the stewardship of the institution is to
- 15 determine that and carry it out.
- 16 **Q** On Tuesday, Kimberly Camp, the Executive
- 17 Director of the Barnes Foundation, said that the
- 18 Barnes Foundation had done no feasibility study on
- 19 the financial impact of moving the Barnes Foundation
- 20 to the City of Philadelphia.
- In connection with the Pew and
- 22 Lenfest agreement, have the Pew Charitable Trusts
- 23 done a feasibility study?
- 24 A I don't believe I would call it a feasibility
- 25 study. We work with hundreds of organizations, both

- 2 around the country and in the Delaware Valley, and as
- 3 I was hopefully explaining in my testimony,
- 4 understanding the potential size of a new facility
- 5 that was contemplated, the extent of the educational
- 6 programs as they are currently carried out, and
- 7 perhaps expanded, and visitation, and in looking at
- 8 like organizations, our estimate, based on our
- 9 knowledge in working with a lot of organizations,
- 10 would be an operating budget that might be in the
- 11 range of eight to ten million dollars annually, but,
- 12 again, no detailed feasibility analysis because
- 13 Doctor Watson thought that doing anything like that
- 14 would have been presumptuous until a determination is
- 15 reached about the future course.
- 16 Q So you would agree then, Ms. Rimel, that the
- operation of three campuses in Chester County and in
- 18 Merion and in Center City, Philadelphia, there's been
- 19 no feasibility study as to whether there would be
- 20 sufficient funds to cover the expenses of all of
- 21 those campuses?
- 22 A I can't agree with your statement as stated. We
- 23 currently know what the operations are costing in
- 24 Merion. We have some sense of what it costs to
- operate facilities of a certain size, and the Board