

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2015, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) held a teleconference meeting on September 9, 2015. Participating were Executive Committee and Board Chair John W. McCarter, Jr.; Vice Chair Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson; and Committee member David Rubenstein.

Also present by invitation of the Committee were Secretary David Skorton; Counselor to the Chief Justice Jeffrey P. Minear; Acting Chief of Staff to the Secretary Greg Bettwy; Deputy Chief of Staff to the Regents Rachel Parker; Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson; and Office of the Regents Senior Researcher & Writer Jennifer Ehlinger (recorder).

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. McCarter called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the draft minutes of the August 10, 2015, meeting without modification.

APPROVAL OF THE FY 2017 FEDERAL BUDGET REQUEST TO OMB

The Committee reviewed the proposed fiscal year 2017 federal budget request to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”). The budget submission is due to OMB by September 15, 2015, and therefore requires approval from the Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents, prior to the full Board meeting scheduled on October 19, 2015.

Upon duly made and seconded, the following motion was approved:

VOTED that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01, approves the Smithsonian Institution’s budget request for appropriated funds for fiscal year 2017 for presentation to the Office of Management and Budget. Any material changes in program plans incorporated into this budget shall be made only with the approval of the Board of Regents or its Executive Committee.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA REVIEW

A copy of the draft agenda for the October 19, 2015, meeting was provided to the Committee. The Committee noted that this would be the first meeting to implement the recently approved Board meeting format changes, which include the use of a formalized consent agenda and individual committee reports.

FALL 2015 EVENTS

Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson presented an overview of the upcoming Regents' events. Ms. Wilkinson discussed the October meeting of the Board of Regents, and the Installation Ceremony for Secretary Skorton. She also provided detail about the Welcome to Washington reception, to be held on September 10, 2015, which will officially introduce and welcome Secretary Skorton and his wife, Dr. Robin Davisson, to the Washington community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee then conducted an executive session to discuss personnel and other sensitive matters.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. McCarter, Jr.
Chair