

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2016, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MORNING MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) met on June 1, 2016, at the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, DC. Participating were Chancellor John G. Roberts, Jr.; Executive Committee and Board Chair John W. McCarter, Jr.; Vice Chair Shirley Ann Jackson; and Committee member David Rubenstein.

Also present by invitation of the Committee were Secretary Skorton; Counselor to the Chief Justice Jeffrey P. Minear; Acting Chief of Staff to the Secretary Greg Bettwy; General Counsel Judith Leonard; Deputy Chief of Staff to the Regents Rachel Parker; and Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson.

Mr. McCarter called the meeting to order at approximately 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. McCarter thanked the Chancellor for hosting the meeting and outlined the agenda for the morning, which consisted primarily of a review of the proposed agenda for the June 13, 2016, Board of Regents’ first strategic meeting.

Regents’ Dinner: On Sunday, June 12, the Regents will hold a progressive dinner at the Smithsonian National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute. All of the museum, and cultural and research center directors have been invited to attend the dinner, which will give Regents a chance to talk with the directors and get to know them better.

Report of the Chair: The first item on the meeting agenda will be the report of the Chair and Executive Committee, given by Mr. McCarter. During this report, General Counsel Judith Leonard will also brief the Board on the process for registering the Smithsonian to carry out grant activities in foreign countries.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Mr. McCarter will then move to the approval of the Consent Agenda. The action items listed on the Consent Agenda include the approval of the minutes of the April 11, 2016, and May 1, 2016, Regents’ meetings; the appointment and reappointment of candidates to seven Smithsonian advisory boards; and the approval of a proposed corporate sponsorship to the National Air and Space Museum (“NASM”).

Report of the Secretary: Following the Consent Agenda, Secretary Skorton will report on the State of the Smithsonian and provide the Board with an update on his strategic priorities.

Report of the Facilities Committee: Committee Chair Bob Kogod will then present the Report of the Facilities Committee, and provide a detailed update on the planned renovations for NASM.

Strategy, Innovation, and Technology Committee: Next, Committee Chair Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson will present the report of the Strategy, Innovation, and Technology Committee.

Governance and Nominating Committee Report: Committee Chair Steve Case will present the report of the Governance and Nominating Committee report. The Board will be asked to vote on two matters: (1) a proposed ethics statement for all advisory board members; and (2) proposed changes to the Governance Committee charter.

Advancement Committee Report: Committee Chair Alan Spoon will present the report of the Advancement Committee. The Board will be asked to vote on a gift to the National Museum of African American History and Culture (“NMAAHC”) that has a twenty five-year naming right associated with it.

Investment Committee Report: Committee Member David Rubenstein will present the Investment Committee report and provide the Board with an update on the Endowment.

Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair David Rubenstein will then present the report of the Finance Committee.

Report of the Smithsonian National Board: Chair Bob MacDonald will present the Report of the Smithsonian National Board.

Report of the Office of Government Relations: Following the report of the Smithsonian National Board, Director of Government Relations Nell Payne will update the Board on legislative activities and issues.

Task Groups’ Recommendations: The Board will then hear final recommendations from the leaders of the four task groups that were created to review the Institution’s policies and procedures related to contracting, transparency, unified compensation, and use of funds.

Lunch: During lunch, the Board will hear from National Museum of African American History and Culture (“NMAAHC”) Director Lonnie Bunch about the plans for the museum’s grand opening. NMAAHC is scheduled to open on September 24, 2016, with a number of events planned to celebrate the historic opening of the museum.

Smithsonian Vision Statement Discussion: Following lunch, the Secretary will provide a status update on the progress for revising the Smithsonian’s strategic plan, which is set to expire in 2017. He will also present a working draft of a complementary vision statement, which aims to reflect the Smithsonian’s strategic directions, for the Board to review and discuss.

Strategic Projects Update: The Board will then receive updates on the status of the Smithsonian’s strategic projects, to include the London project and the future use of the Arts & Industries Building.

Afternoon Executive Session: The Board will then go into an executive session, during which it will receive an update on the Smithsonian Channel and hear reports from the Smithsonian’s “gatekeepers,” including the Inspector General, Secretary, and General Counsel, who will have an opportunity to raise issues they consider appropriate for Regent discussion or information.

Regent-only Executive Session: The meeting will conclude with an executive session for Regents only in order to review and discuss the performance and goals of the Secretary.

With no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. McCarter, Jr.
Chair