

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2015, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AFTERNOON MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) met on October 1, 2015, at the Smithsonian Castle in Washington, D.C. Participating were 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; Office of the Regents Senior Researcher & Writer Jennifer Ehlinger (recorder); General Counsel Judith Leonard; Deputy Chief of Staff to the Regents Rachel Parker; and Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. McCarter called the meeting to order at approximately 1:59 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the draft minutes of the September 9, 2015, meeting without modification.

OCTOBER 2015 REGENTS’ EVENTS

Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson briefed the Committee on upcoming events. Ms. Wilkinson noted the Regents’ dinner on October 18, 2015, and provided details about the schedule for October 19, 2015, to include the meeting of the Board of Regents; the Installation ceremony and reception for Secretary Skorton in the afternoon; and the Smithsonian National Board’s Installation dinner that evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee then conducted an executive session to discuss personnel matters in the Office of the Regents.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:37 p.m.

EMAIL BALLOT

By email ballot on October 29, 2015, the Executive Committee voted to approve four motions, on behalf of the Board of Regents. The following gift actions required approval by the Executive Committee, prior to the next full Board meeting, in order to facilitate the timing of specific programs and announcements.

**participated by telephone*

VOTED that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01, recognizes the generosity of Debbie Frank Petersen to the Smithsonian American Art Museum and names the Debbie and Jim Petersen Gallery until the next comprehensive renovation of the Renwick Gallery.

VOTED that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01, recognizes the generosity of Jerry H. Labowitz to the Smithsonian American Art Museum and names the Jerry and Wendy Labowitz Gallery until the next comprehensive renovation of the Renwick Gallery.

VOTED that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01, recognizes the generosity of Mitsubishi Corporation to the Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery and accepts the terms of the sponsorship agreement.

Committee Member David Rubenstein was recused from consideration of the following motion:

VOTED that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01, recognizes the generosity of David M. Rubenstein to the National Museum of African American History and Culture and names the David M. Rubenstein History Galleries for 25 years or until the next major renovation, whichever occurs later.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. McCarter, Jr.
Chair