

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2016, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) held a teleconference meeting on January 14, 2016. 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 Skorton; Office of the Regents Senior Researcher & Writer Jennifer Ehlinger (recorder); Under Secretary for Finance & Administration/Chief Financial Officer Albert Horvath; Under Secretary for Museums & Research/Provost Richard Kurin; 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 10:01 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the draft minutes of the January 14, 2016, morning and afternoon meetings without modification.

REVIEW OF APRIL MEETING AGENDA

Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson reviewed the agenda for the April Board of Regents’ meeting. The Committee discussed timing of the agenda and a possible need to extend the meeting, in order to incorporate all discussion topics during the Regents’ first strategic meeting. The Secretary highlighted the goal of developing a new vision statement for the Smithsonian and stressed the importance of collaboration between management and the Regents during the process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee then conducted an executive session to discuss the proposed exhibitions at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden; future use of the Arts and Industries Building; the possible opportunity for a Smithsonian presence in London; and personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee conducted a special teleconference meeting on February 28, 2016, at 12:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed exhibitions at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. McCarter, Jr.
Chair