

## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2019, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) met on October 10, 2019, at the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, DC. Participating were Chancellor John G. Roberts, Jr.; Board and Executive Committee Chair David Rubenstein; Vice Chair Steve Case; and Committee member Dr. Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey.

Also present by invitation of the Committee were Secretary Lonnie Bunch, Counselor to the Chief Justice Jeffrey P. Minear, Chief of Staff to the Secretary Greg Bettwy, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Regents Kate Forester, General Counsel Judith Leonard, and Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson.

### CALL TO ORDER

Chancellor John G. Roberts, Jr., called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Board and Executive Committee Chair David Rubenstein thanked the Chancellor for hosting the meeting and reviewed the agenda, which consisted largely of an overview of the October 21, 2019, meeting of the Board of Regents.

### OVERVIEW OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2019, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

#### **Regents’ Dinner**

On Sunday evening, the Board of Regents and the Secretary will convene for a dinner at the National Museum of African Art. Prior to the dinner, Regents will hear brief remarks from the Director of the National Museum of African Art, Augustus (“Gus”) Casely-Hayford, and have the opportunity to view the museum’s collection of nearly 12,000 African Art objects.

#### **Regents’ Morning Tour**

On Monday, October 21, prior to the start of the business meeting, the Regents will receive a preview of the upcoming exhibition *Girlhood: It’s Complicated* at the National Museum of American History. It will be a signature exhibition of the Smithsonian’s American Women’s History Initiative and will open in June 2020 with a national tour to start in March 2023.

#### **Regents’ Morning Business Meeting**

**Executive Session:** The Board will begin its meeting with an executive session, during which the Board will consider two reappointments to the Board of Regents, Board leadership for 2020, and the nomination of a new Regent. The Board also will discuss personnel matters and a potential business opportunity.

**Report of the Chair:** David Rubenstein will deliver the Report of the Chair and Executive Committee and recognize Dennis Keller as the new Chair of the Smithsonian National Board.

Mr. Rubenstein will also brief the Regents on upcoming events. The report will conclude with a review of the motions approved by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01.

***Approval of the Consent Agenda:*** Next, the Regents will be asked to approve the Consent Agenda. Action items listed on the Consent Agenda for the October 21 meeting include approval of the June Board meeting minutes; advisory board appointments and reappointments; amendments to the bylaws of the Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Center; and gifts and naming recognitions.

***Questions on Written Committee Reports Not Requiring Action or Discussion:*** The Regents will then have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the written reports submitted by the Audit and Review Committee; Facilities Committee; Finance Committee; Investment Committee; Strategy, Innovation, and Technology Committee; Office of Government Relations; and Smithsonian National Board.

***Report of the Governance and Nominating Committee:*** The Board will be briefed on newly proposed advisory board guidelines. As part of the report, the Regents will discuss scheduling of Regent Committee meetings.

***Report of the Compensation and Human Resources Committee:*** Committee Chair John Fahey will update the Board on the status of the pay equity analysis and potential amendments to the Committee charter.

***Report of the Advancement Committee:*** Advancement Committee Chair Christine Udvar-Hazy and Assistant Secretary for Advancement Rob Spiller will update the Board on three items: a nomination to the Order of James Smithson, recommendations from the working group on the Smithsonian's gift acceptance policies and procedures, and plans for the next capital campaign.

***Luncheon Program – Current Issues in Philanthropy:*** During lunch, David M. Rubenstein will host a conversation with Assistant Secretary for Advancement Rob Spiller on current issues in philanthropy.

### **Regents' Afternoon Business Meeting**

***Report of the Secretary:*** The afternoon business meeting will begin with a report from the Secretary. Secretary Bunch will deliver his inaugural report on the state of the Smithsonian.

***Executive Session:*** The Board will enter into an executive session, during which the Smithsonian's "gatekeepers," including the General Counsel, Acting Chief Operating Officer, Inspector General, and Secretary, will have an opportunity to raise issues they consider appropriate for Regent discussion or information.

**Public Forum:** Following the executive session, the meeting will adjourn and the Regents will gather in the Warner Bros. Theater at the National Museum of American History for the Regents' 2019 annual public forum.

#### **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the draft minutes of the September 6, 2019, teleconference meeting without modification.

#### **REVIEW OF INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF 14<sup>TH</sup> SECRETARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN**

The Committee reviewed the proposed timeline of events for the Installation Ceremony for Secretary Bunch, which will take place on November 1, 2019, at the Arts and Industries Building.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Committee moved into an executive session at approximately 12:10 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rubenstein, Chair