

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) conducted a teleconference meeting on November 5, 2019. Participating were 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, Special Assistant to the Regents Mallory Gianola (recorder), General Counsel Judith Leonard, and Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson.

CALL TO ORDER

David Rubenstein called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. and welcomed members and staff participating by telephone.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the draft minutes of the October 10, 2019, Committee meeting without modification.

EXECUTIVE NONPROFIT BOARD SERVICE

General Counsel Judith Leonard briefed the Committee on her potential executive nonprofit board service with the Southern Education Foundation. The mission of the Southern Education Foundation is to advance creative solutions to ensure equity and excellence in education for students of color and low-income students in the South. Ms. Leonard service is consistent with applicable Smithsonian policies. The Committee expressed their support for the General Counsel’s service on the board as part of her official responsibilities.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary began his report by extending his gratitude to the Committee for the felicitations and successful programming of the Installation Ceremony and complementing events, which took place at the Arts and Industries Building on November 1, 2019, to honor his role as the 14th Secretary of the Smithsonian.

Secretary Bunch then updated the Committee on his recent visit to London to assess the progress of the collaboration with the Victoria and Albert Museum (“V&A”). The Smithsonian is currently working with the V&A to develop an inaugural exhibition as part of the V&A East project in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, which is scheduled to open in 2023. The Secretary

outlined the Smithsonian's priorities and mission for the collaboration. The Secretary will continue to inform the Committee of the progress of the project, and he will provide an update on the collaboration to the Board of Regents at its next meeting.

Next, the Secretary briefed the Committee on upcoming Congressional briefings, meetings, and hearings related to the consolidated administrative headquarters, the Institution's deferred maintenance backlog, and Smithsonian-related legislation. The Secretary also discussed the reception to be hosted by Speaker Pelosi in recognition of his installation as the 14th Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

To conclude his report, Secretary Bunch also shared the announcement that Director of the Archives of American Art Kate Haw will be leaving the Smithsonian at the end of 2019 to accept a new position with the National Gallery of Art. The Secretary stated that the Smithsonian is committed to ensuring a seamless leadership transition, and would be selecting interim leadership, forming a search committee, and engaging an executive search firm to execute the competitive search for a new director. The Secretary will update the Committee and the Board as the search for Ms. Haw's successor continues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee then entered into an executive session at approximately 2:36 p.m. to discuss regent succession planning and the search for a new Citizen Regent to replace John McCarter, when his term expires in March 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Rubenstein, Chair