

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 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 March 21, 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 David Skorton, 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, and General Counsel Judith Leonard.

CALL TO ORDER

David Rubenstein called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and welcomed members and staff participating by telephone. He outlined the agenda for the meeting, including a review of the proposed agenda for the April 8, 2019, meeting of the Board of Regents and an executive session to discuss updates from the Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the draft minutes of the February 14, 2019, Executive Committee meeting were approved without modification.

OVERVIEW OF THE APRIL 8, 2019, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Smithsonian Academy Program and Dinner

On Sunday, April 7, the annual Smithsonian Academy dinner will be hosted at the National Air and Space Museum (“NASM”). Regent Ambassador Barbara Barrett and Dr. Craig Barrett are co-chairs of the Smithsonian Academy, and in conjunction with the Office of Advancement, have arranged for a weekend of events highlighting recent Smithsonian exhibitions and initiatives.

Regents’ April Meeting

On Monday, April 8, 2019, the Board of Regents’ meeting will take place at the Arts and Industries Building and the Smithsonian Castle. Mr. Rubenstein shared that the focus of the meeting would be a strategic review of Smithsonian facilities.

Hirshhorn Sculpture Garden Tour: Regents are invited to participate in a tour of the Hirshhorn Museum’s Sculpture Garden and Plaza. Director Melissa Chiu will lead the tour and offer insight on the upcoming renovation planned for the garden and entrance.

Tour of the Arts and Industries Building and the Smithsonian Castle: An interactive tour of the Arts and Industries Building (“AIB”) and a historic overview of the Smithsonian Castle will follow

the garden tour. Director Rachel Goslins and Associate Director of Architectural History and Historic Preservation Sharon Park will lead the tour and historic overview, respectively.

Strategic Review of Smithsonian Facilities: Following the tours, participants including Regents and Smithsonian leadership will convene for the morning session. The session will include discussions regarding the current status and use of AIB, the Castle, and Smithsonian Facilities and maintenance projects across the Institution.

Luncheon Program – Exhibitions from Conception to Opening: During lunch, Chair David Rubenstein will lead a conversation about developing and presenting large-scale exhibitions from conception to opening. Panelists in this conversation will include Sant Director of the National Museum of Natural History Kirk Johnson, Senior Curator from AIB Abraham Thomas, and Special Projects Curator from AIB Helen Bechtel.

Regents' Afternoon Business Meeting

Executive Session: The first item on the afternoon meeting agenda will be an executive session, during which the board will discuss personnel matters, including search updates, and compensation. Additionally, Governance and Nominating Committee Chair Barbara Barrett will update the Board on the search process for a new citizen Regent and present the 2019 committee assignments for the newly appointed Regent for the Board's consideration.

Report of the Chair and Approval of the Consent Agenda: Following the executive session, the Board will be asked to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda for the April 2019 meeting will include approval of the January Board meeting minutes, approval of Smithsonian advisory board appointments and reappointments, and approval of gifts and naming recognitions.

Smithsonian 2022 Strategic Plan Goal Seven: Next, Acting Under Secretary for Finance and Administration/COO Mike McCarthy will lead a discussion on the work that is currently underway as part of goal seven of the Strategic Plan – (to) provide a nimble, cost-effective, and responsive administrative infrastructure.

Report of the Secretary: Secretary Skorton will then provide the Regents with an update on the state of the Smithsonian, including the American Women's History Initiative and fundraising at the Institution.

Executive Session: The meeting will conclude with an executive session for the "gatekeepers," during which 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee moved into an executive session at approximately 11:51 a.m. to discuss personnel matters and the Secretary's upcoming hearing with the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Rubenstein, Chair