

## MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2020, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) held a teleconference meeting on March 26, 2020. Participating were Board and Executive Committee Chair Steve Case, Vice Chair Dr. Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey, and Committee member David M. Rubenstein.

Also present by invitation of the Committee were Secretary Lonnie Bunch, Chief of Staff to the Secretary Greg Bettwy, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Regents Kate Forester, General Counsel Judith Leonard, Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Office Meroë Park, and Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson.

### CALL TO ORDER

Board and Executive Committee Chair Steve Case called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and reviewed the agenda, which consisted of an overview of the April 6, 2020, meeting of the Board of Regents. In light of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, the Board will conduct its regularly scheduled April meeting via teleconference. The April meeting will be the first Board meeting over which Steve Case will preside as Chair of the Board of Regents.

### MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the draft minutes of the February 10, 2020, teleconference meeting without modification.

### OVERVIEW OF THE APRIL 6, 2020, TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

#### **Regents’ Dinner**

The Order of James Smithson award dinner at the Smithsonian Castle honoring Adrienne B. Mars on Sunday, April 5, 2020, was postponed in light of the evolving circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

#### **Regents’ Business Meeting**

**Report of the Chair and Executive Committee:** Steve Case will deliver his first report of the Chair and Executive Committee. He will review one motion approved by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01., and he will discuss the Regents’ annual strategic meeting, tentatively scheduled to take place in June.

**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 April 6 meeting include approval of the January 2020 Board meeting minutes; advisory board appointments and reappointments;

amendments to the bylaws of the National Museum of African American History and Culture Council; 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 Advancement Committee, Governance and Nominating Committee, Investment Committee, Smithsonian National Board, and Office of Government Relations.

**Report of the Secretary:** Next, Secretary Lonnie Bunch will provide the Regents with an update on the state of the Smithsonian, including the hiring of an anti-harassment officer, the purchase of the Consolidated Administrative Headquarters, and the rebuilding of the National Air and Space Museum.

**Status Report on Smithsonian Access:** The Secretary will then update the Board on Smithsonian Open Access, a signature initiative of the Virtual Smithsonian strategic priority, which launched in February 2020.

**Status Report on the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative:** The final topic for discussion in open session will be an update on the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative, a signature initiative of the One Smithsonian strategic priority. The Secretary will share some of the digital initiatives and pan-Institutional programming launched as part of the Initiative and in celebration of Women's History Month.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee then moved into an executive session at approximately 11:55 a.m. to review the remainder of the April meeting agenda.

**Executive Session:** The Board will then move into an executive session to discuss personnel and business matters relating to the impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) on the Smithsonian, and to vote on the appointment and reappointment of Citizen Regents. The Board will conclude the meeting with its regular "gatekeeper" session, which will provide an opportunity for the Board to hear from the General Counsel, Chief Operating Officer, Inspector General, and Secretary.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Case, Chair