

MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 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 May 2, 2019. Participating were Board and Executive Committee Chair David Rubenstein and Executive Committee member 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, General Counsel Judith Leonard, and Mike McCarthy Acting Under Secretary for Finance and Administration.

CALL TO ORDER

David Rubenstein called the meeting to order at 3:01 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 March 21, 2019, Committee meeting without modification.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

The Secretary briefed the Committee on a recent Congressional hearing, *America in Space: Future Visions, Current Issues*. The John and Adrienne Mars Director of the National Air and Space Museum Ellen Stofan testified at the hearing before the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology on March 13, 2019.

The Secretary provided the Committee with an overview of the Smithsonian’s current gift acceptance policies and procedures. He highlighted the policies that provide guidance on matters related to fundraising. The Regents’ Advancement Committee will conduct a more detailed review of the current clearance procedures and report back to the Board with any recommendations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee moved into an executive session at approximately 3:19 p.m. to discuss the status of the Smithsonian Channel. The SNI/SI Network LLC (“Channel”) is a joint venture that was established in 2006 with Showtime Networks Inc. (“Showtime”).

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Rubenstein, Chair