

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2022, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) conducted a videoconference meeting on June 1, 2022. Participating were Chancellor John G. Roberts, Jr.; Board and Executive Committee Chair Steve Case; Vice Chair Dr. Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey; and Committee member John Fahey.

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, Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer Meroë Park, 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 Steve Case reviewed the agenda, which consisted primarily of an overview of the June 13, 2022, meeting of the Board of Regents.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the draft minutes of the April 27, 2022, meeting without modification.

OVERVIEW OF THE JUNE 13, 2022, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Regents’ Dinner

On Sunday evening, the Board of Regents, the Secretary, and the Deputy Secretary will convene for a dinner at the National Postal Museum. Prior to the dinner, Regents will hear brief remarks from the Director of the National Postal Museum, Elliot Gruber, and have the opportunity to view the museum’s new exhibition, *Baseball: America’s Home Run*, which opened to the public on April 9, 2022.

Regents’ Morning Tour

On Monday, June 13, prior to the start of the business meeting, the Regents will preview the Molina Family Latino Gallery’s Inaugural Exhibition — *iPresente! A Latino History of the United States* at the National Museum of American History. The 4,500-square-foot gallery will open to the public on June 18, 2022, and will be the Smithsonian’s first museum space dedicated to the Latino experience on the National Mall.

Regents’ Morning Business Meeting

Report of the Chair and Executive Committee: Steve Case will deliver the Report of the Chair and Executive Committee and recognize Dennis Keller as the outgoing Chair of the Smithsonian National Board. Mr. Case will also brief the Regents on upcoming events.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: The Regents will be asked to approve the Consent Agenda (“Agenda”). Action items on the Agenda will include approval of the April Board meeting minutes, appointments and reappointments to Smithsonian advisory boards, and gifts and naming recognitions.

Questions on Written Committee Reports: The Regents will then have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the written reports submitted by the Advancement Committee, Facilities Committee, Governance and Nominating Committee, Smithsonian National Board, and Office of Government Relations.

Report of the Finance Committee: Committee Chair Roger Ferguson will present the report of the Finance Committee. The Board will be asked to consider two motions: the Fiscal Year 2023 Endowment Payout, and the Fiscal Year 2024 Federal Budget Priorities.

Report of the Strategy, Innovation, and Technology Committee: Committee Chair Michael Lynton will deliver the report of the Strategy, Innovation, and Technology Committee. Mr. Lynton will present one motion for the Board’s consideration, the approval of the deaccession of Benin Bronzes to Nigeria.

Update on the Smithsonian Campaign for Our Shared Future: Next, the Board will receive an update on the progress of Campaign planning. Chair of the Advancement Committee Christine Udvar-Hazy, the Secretary, and Assistant Secretary for Advancement Rob Spiller will review the timeline for Campaign announcements and events as well as the proposed Campaign volunteer leadership structure.

Strategic Report of the Secretary: Next, Secretary Bunch will deliver the Strategic Report of the Secretary and update the Board on the state of the Smithsonian. The Secretary will discuss the recent unveiling of the first image of the supermassive black hole at the center of the Milky Way galaxy. The Board also will receive updates on the DC Music Festival and the Smithsonian’s operating status.

Strategic Discussion on New Smithsonian Museums: To conclude the morning session of the meeting, the Secretary will lead a strategic discussion on the two new museums: National Museum of the American Latino and Smithsonian American Women's History Museum. The Board will be updated on new museum leadership, fundraising strategies, and the progress of site selection since the April Regents’ meeting.

Luncheon Program – New Museum Directors: During lunch, Smithsonian unit directors who began their directorship during a period of remote work will join the Regents and share their vision for their respective museum.

Regents’ Afternoon Business Meeting

Virtual Smithsonian – Accelerating Progress on Digital Transformation: To begin the afternoon session, Becky Kobberod, Head of the Smithsonian’s Office of Digital Transformation, will lead a discussion on the Institution’s digital transformation strategy.

Strategic Discussion – Strategic Plan Implementation: To conclude the afternoon’s open session, the Board will be updated on the implementation of the strategic plan. The Secretary and his leadership team will outline how the Smithsonian is advancing the 25 institutional initiatives and supporting, measuring, and tracking progress on the overarching goal to shape Our Shared Future within and outside of the Smithsonian.

Executive Session with the Secretary: The Board will then move into an executive session with the Secretary to receive an update on personnel searches for various leadership positions at the Smithsonian.

Executive Session: The Board will continue its deliberations in a Regents-only executive session, during which the Board is expected to discuss the search for a new citizen Regent, consider proposed bylaw amendments to create a Chair Emeritus status, and review the duties and responsibilities of the Strategy, Innovation, and Technology Committee.

Gatekeepers’ Session: The Board will conclude the June meeting with its regular session to hear from the “gatekeepers” of the Institution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee moved into an executive session at approximately 12:40 p.m. to discuss Smithsonian staff attendance at the regular meetings of the Board of Regents and proposed amendments to the Board bylaws.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Case, Chair