

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2022, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) met on October 13, 2022, at the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, D.C. Participating were Chancellor John G. Roberts, Jr.; Board and Executive Committee Chair Steve Case; and Vice Chair Dr. Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey.

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 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 October 24, 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 September 6, 2022, meeting without modification.

OVERVIEW OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2022, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Regents’ Dinner

On Sunday, October 23, the Board of Regents will host a dinner at the Renwick Gallery to honor Senator Patrick Leahy, John McCarter, Jeff Minear, and David Rubenstein for their distinguished service to the Smithsonian Institution.

Regents’ Morning Tour

On Monday, October 24, prior to the start of the business meeting, the Regents will tour the recently reopened West End at the National Air and Space Museum (“NASM”). The Regents will have an opportunity to view the eight new and renovated exhibitions, the planetarium, museum store, and Mars Café, which will open to the public on October 14.

Regents’ Morning Business Meeting

Report of the Chair and Executive Committee: Steve Case will deliver the Report of the Chair and Executive Committee. He will recognize transitions for departing Regents and Smithsonian liaisons and welcome the new Smithsonian National Board Chair. Mr. Case also will brief the Regents on upcoming events and review actions approved by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: The Regents will be asked to approve the Consent Agenda (“Agenda”). Action items on the Agenda will include recognition of the late Director of the Office of Government Relations Vernon Simms, approval of the June 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; Audit and Review Committee; Compensation and Human Resources Committee; Facilities Committee; Investment Committee; Strategy, Innovation, and Technology Committee; and Office of Government Relations.

Report of the Governance and Nominating Committee: Committee Chair Barbara Barrett will present the report of the Governance and Nominating Committee. The Board will be asked to consider a leadership term extension for the Chair of the National Museum of African Art Advisory Board.

Report of the Finance Committee: Committee Chair Roger Ferguson will present the report of the Finance Committee. The Board will be asked to consider an approval to withdraw up to \$30 million from the Central Trust unrestricted quasi-endowment to fund strategic priorities.

Smithsonian Institution Strategic Plan: Next, the Board will be briefed on the Institution’s upcoming five-year Strategic Plan *Smithsonian 2027: Our Shared Future*. Chair of the Strategy, Innovation, and Technology Committee Michael Lynton will ask the Regents to review and approve the Strategic Plan, with the intent to launch the new plan at the end of 2022.

Update on Site Selection for New Smithsonian Museums: To conclude the morning session of the meeting, the Regents will discuss the progress of site selection for the two new museums: National Museum of the American Latino and Smithsonian American Women's History Museum.

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

Regents’ Afternoon Business Meeting

Strategic Report of the Secretary: To begin the afternoon session, 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 Smithsonian Channel agreement with Paramount and the Smithsonian’s involvement in the United States Semiquincentennial celebration in 2026.

Executive Session with the Secretary: The Board will then move into an executive session with the Secretary to discuss matters related to Smithsonian advisory boards.

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 two reappointments to the Board of Regents, review the Regents’ 2022 annual self-assessment, and vote on Board leadership for 2023.

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Case, Chair

EMAIL BALLOT

The Executive Committee voted to approve the following motion on behalf of the Board of Regents, according to Board Bylaw 3.01, because the Board was not in session. The motion required approval by the Executive Committee, prior to the Board meeting in October, to accommodate the timing of related public announcements. The motion was approved via email ballot completed on October 12, 2022.

VOTED that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01, recognizes the contributions of Senator Patrick Leahy to the Smithsonian Institution and names the Secretary’s Parlor in honor of the Senator for a period of twenty (20) years, from the date the recognition signage is installed.