

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2025, EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

On Monday, June 2, 2025, the Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents convened in executive session to discuss a confidential personnel matter. Chancellor John G. Roberts, Jr., presided over the emergency meeting, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 44-45, and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Participating were Regents: Vice President JD Vance; Senator John Boozman; Senator Catherine Cortez Masto; Senator Gary Peters; Representative Carlos Giménez; Representative Adrian Smith; Ambassador Barbara M. Barrett; Ms. Toni Bush; Mr. John Fahey; Mr. Michael Govan; Dr. Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey, Chair; Mr. Michael Lynton; Ms. Denise O’Leary; and Mr. Franklin D. Raines, Vice Chair. Representative Doris Matsui and Mr. Roger Ferguson were unable to participate. Smithsonian and Regent staff present by invitation of the Board were: Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary; Greg Bettwy, Chief of Staff to the Secretary; Judge Robert M. Dow, Counselor to the Chief Justice; Alex Ferro, Office of Representative Giménez; Kate Forester, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Regents; Jennifer McIntyre, Chief Legal Officer; Jeremy Marcus, Office of Representative Matsui; Benjamin Moss, Office of the Vice President; James Lloyd, Office of the Vice President; Meroë Park, Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer; Caitlyn Stephenson, Office of Senator Peters; Porter N. Wilkinson, Counselor and Chief of Staff to the Regents; and Josh Yearsley, Office of Senator Cortez Masto.

At the Board’s request, the Secretary agreed to follow up with additional information at the Board’s June 9, 2025, meeting to continue the discussion.