

## APPENDIX A: ACTIONS OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2025, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents adopts the Consent Agenda, which constitutes the approval of all action items listed therein. [2025.10.01]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents expresses its profound appreciation to the memory of Kevin McDonald, Senior Adviser for Senator Patrick Leahy, esteemed colleague, and friend of the Smithsonian Institution; and extends its heartfelt sympathies to his family and friends.

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the minutes of the June 2, 2025, and June 9, 2025, meetings of the Board of Regents.

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the proposed slate of candidates for appointment or reappointment to 10 Smithsonian Institution Advisory Boards.

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the proposed amendments to the bylaws of the National Museum of African American History and Culture Advisory Council.

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the proposed amendments to the bylaws of the Smithsonian Libraries and Archives Advisory Board.

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents recognizes the generosity of the Daniel and Estrellita Brodsky Family Foundation to the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden and names the allée within the Hirshhorn Sculpture Garden for 20 years from the day the Sculpture Garden reopens to the public or until the next complete renovation of the Sculpture Garden, whichever occurs last.

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents creates a quasi-endowment for the benefit of the National Air and Space Museum to support the preservation, restoration, and conservation of the National Air and Space Museum collection. Further, the Board of Regents authorizes the transfer of the funds identified for this purpose.

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents recognizes the generosity of the late Barry D. Friedman and authorizes the National Air and Space Museum to allocate \$8,437,015.48 for current use in support of the expansion of the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center.

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents creates a quasi-endowment for the benefit of the National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute to promote the protection and conservation of African wildlife. Further, the Board of Regents authorizes the transfer of the funds identified for this purpose.

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents recognizes the generosity of the late Susan Hargrave and authorizes the Friends of the Smithsonian, Office of Advancement, to allocate the gift for current use to expand grassroots support of the Institution.

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents creates a quasi-endowment for the benefit of the National Museum of African Art with the annual payout to be split equally to support its archives and art acquisitions. Further, the Board of Regents authorizes the transfer of the funds identified for this purpose.

The Board of Regents approved a motion to deaccession items in the National Museum of Asian Art from the Arthur M. Sackler Collection and the National Museum of Asian Art Collection. Details will remain confidential until publicly announced. [2025.10.02]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the reappointment of Kenneth I. Chenault, Brian Moynihan, Anthony Walters, and Oprah Winfrey to the Council of the National Museum of African American History and Culture for an exceptional three-year term of membership service, effective immediately. The additional membership terms will be completed in February 2029. [2025.10.03]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the reappointment of Nicholas G. Florio as Chair of the Smithsonian Libraries and Archives Advisory Board for a two-year extension of leadership service, effective January 1, 2026. [2025.10.04]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents renominates Denise O’Leary of Colorado as a Citizen Regent on the Board of Regents to serve a second statutory term of six years or until a successor is appointed. The Congressional Regents are asked to introduce and support legislation leading to her reappointment, following approval by the Board of Regents. [2025.10.05]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents renominates Franklin D. Raines of the District of Columbia as a Citizen Regent on the Board of Regents to serve a second statutory term of six years or until a successor is appointed. The Congressional Regents are asked to introduce and support legislation leading to his reappointment, following approval by the Board of Regents. [2025.10.06]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents elects Frank Raines as Chair of the Smithsonian Institution’s Board of Regents for a one-year term effective January 27, 2026. [2025.10.07]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents elects Denise O’Leary as Vice Chair of the Smithsonian Institution’s Board of Regents for a one-year term effective January 27, 2026. [2025.10.08]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents elects Roger Ferguson as a member of the Smithsonian Board of Regents’ Executive Committee for a one-year term effective January 27, 2026. [2025.10.09]