

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2022, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) conducted a videoconference meeting on February 22, 2022. Participating were 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, Chief of Staff to the Secretary Greg Bettwy, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Regents Kate Forester, Special Assistant to the Regents Mallory Gianola (recorder), General Counsel Judith Leonard, Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer Meroë Park, and Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson.

CALL TO ORDER

Board and Executive Committee Chair Steve Case called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the draft minutes of the January 20, 2022, Committee meeting were approved without modification.

APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 FEDERAL BUDGET REQUEST TO CONGRESS

The Committee was asked to consider the Smithsonian’s fiscal year 2023 federal budget request to Congress. The Smithsonian is requesting a total of \$1,174.5 million for its fiscal year 2023 federal budget inclusive of \$909.5 million for Salaries and Expenses and \$265.0 million for Facilities Capital. The amounts proposed for the Smithsonian’s Congressional request were approved by the Office of Management and Budget. The request represents a \$72.5 million increase compared to the fiscal year 2022 requested amount. The request includes funding for mandatory cost escalations, the completion of the National Air and Space Museum rebuilding, and support for the two new Smithsonian museums. The Committee was asked to approve the fiscal year 2023 federal budget request to Congress on behalf of the Board of Regents because submission is due in mid-March, prior to the Board meeting in April.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following motion was approved:

VOTED that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01, authorizes the Secretary to submit to Congress a federal budget request for appropriated funds for fiscal year 2023 as part of the President’s budget in the amount of \$1,174.5 million, as negotiated with the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”), and authorizes the Secretary to inform OMB and Congress fully about the implications of the President’s budget for the mission and priorities of the Smithsonian.

APPOINTMENT TO THE SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM

Next, the Committee was asked to consider the appointment of Penny Pritzker as the founding Chair of the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Advisory Council for a one-year term. Mr. Case noted that the candidate presented was approved by the Governance and Nominating Committee via email ballot completed on February 18. The Executive Committee was asked to vote on the appointment on behalf of the Board so that the term may take effect immediately and before the Board meets in April.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following motion was approved:

VOTED that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01, approves the appointment of Penny Pritzker as Chair of the Advisory Council of the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum for a one-year term, effective immediately.

APPOINTMENT TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN LATINO

The Committee was also asked to consider the appointment of Henry R. Muñoz III as the founding Chair of the National Museum of the American Latino Board of Trustees for a one-year term. Mr. Case informed the Committee that the candidate presented was approved by the Governance and Nominating Committee via email ballot completed on February 18. The Executive Committee was asked to vote on the appointment on behalf of the Board so that the term may take effect immediately and before the Board meets in April.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following motion was approved:

VOTED that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01, approves the appointment of Henry R. Muñoz III as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of the American Latino for a one-year term, effective immediately.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN LATINO BOARD OF TRUSTEES BYLAWS

Mr. Case then presented the proposed amendments and underlying bylaws of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Latino ("NMAL") Board of Trustees. The NMAL Trustees approved bylaws reflecting the legislation as drafted and proposed two modifications. The proposed amendments reflect two substantive changes, including an increase in the size of the board to 25 members and a resolution to delegate authority to the museum director. Mr. Case noted that the underlying bylaws and proposed amendments conform to best practices and the Institution's policies regarding the establishment and operations of advisory boards and are supported by the General Counsel, the Office of Advancement, and the Office of the Regents. He also reminded the Committee that in January 2022, the Board of Regents approved a similar delegation and size expansion for the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum, and in 2017, a similar delegation was approved for the director of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following motion was approved:

VOTED that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01, approves adoption of the bylaws of the National Museum of the American Latino Board of Trustees and the two proposed amendments thereto.

APRIL BOARD MEETING

Mr. Case then led a discussion on the agenda and format of the upcoming meeting of the Board of Regents to be held on April 11, 2022. Because the focus of the April Board meeting will be on site selection for the two new museums, the Board is planning to host an in-person meeting. The Regents will visit potential museum sites, convene over a working lunch to discuss the sites, and then move through routine business items during an afternoon business meeting.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary updated the Committee on the state of the Smithsonian. Secretary Bunch briefed the Committee on the Institution's efforts to foster an inclusive, safe, and fair workplace. On February 16, Under Secretary for Administration Ron Cortez hosted an all-staff informational session titled, "Focusing on a Harassment-free Work Environment: Support Resources at the Smithsonian." The session focused on the support resources available to Smithsonian employees and affiliated staff, including the SI Civil Program reporting process, the Employee Assistance Program, and the Ombudsperson.

Next, the Secretary led a brief discussion with the Committee about onboarding of new senior-level staff. The Secretary noted that the recent hiring of new directors has provided opportunities for the museums, galleries, Zoo, research centers, education centers, and mission-support offices to work together as One Smithsonian.

The Secretary concluded his report by updating the Committee on the Presidential Delegation to the Republic of Liberia. At the request of President Biden, the Secretary attended the Bicentennial Celebration of the Arrival of the First Free Black Americans to the Republic of Liberia. The Presidential Delegation was hosted in Monrovia, Liberia on February 14, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider and no request for an executive session, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Case, Chair