

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 31, 2022, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) met on March 31, 2022, at the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, DC. Participating were Chancellor John G. Roberts, Jr.; Board and Executive Committee Chair Steve Case; Vice Chair 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, 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 thanked the Chancellor and Mr. Minear for hosting the meeting and outlined the agenda, which consisted primarily of an overview of the April 11, 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 February 2, 2022, meeting without modification.

OVERVIEW OF THE APRIL 11, 2022, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Regents’ Dinner

On Sunday evening, the Board of Regents and the Secretary will convene for an exhibition tour, reception, and dinner at the Arts and Industries Building. Director of the Arts and Industries Building Rachel Goslins will guide the Regents on a tour of the *FUTURES* exhibition.

Regents’ New Museum Site Visits

On Monday, April 11, prior to the start of the business meeting, the Regents will have an opportunity to visit potential sites for the two new Smithsonian museums: National Museum of the American Latino and Smithsonian American Women’s History Museum. The locations for the two museums are to be determined by the Board of Regents not later than two years after enactment of the bill – December 2022. Among the potential locations, there are unbuilt sites, sites with historic buildings, and sites with buildings that could potentially be demolished.

Regents’ Luncheon Program: The Use of Space in Twenty-First Century Museums

During lunch, the Secretary and Regent Michael Govan, CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, will lead a conversation on the role of museums in the 21st century, specifically as it relates to the Smithsonian’s two new museums.

Regents' Business Meeting

Report of the Chair and Executive Committee: Steve Case will deliver the report of the Chair and Executive Committee. He will welcome Regents and Smithsonian senior leadership to the first in-person meeting since January 2020. Mr. Case also will 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: Next, the Regents will be asked to approve the Consent Agenda ("Agenda"). Action items on the Agenda will include approval of the January Board meeting minutes 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 Facilities Committee, Investment Committee, Smithsonian National Board, and Office of Government Relations.

Report of the Governance and Nominating Committee: Next, as Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee Ambassador Barbara Barrett will present one motion for the Board's consideration: proposed amendments to the bylaws of the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Advisory Council.

Strategic Report of the Secretary: To conclude the open session of the meeting, the Secretary will update the Board on the state of the Smithsonian. The update will focus on staffing resources and opening schedules across the Institution, the Smithsonian's telework policy, the Secretary's testimony at the Oversight Hearing with the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, the Virtual Smithsonian, and strategic plan implementation.

Executive Session with the Secretary: The Board will then move into an executive session with the Secretary to discuss repatriation of the Benin Bronzes and the progress of executive searches.

Executive Session: The Board will continue its deliberations in a Regents-only executive session, during which the Board will consider appointments and reappointments to Smithsonian advisory boards and discuss the upcoming search for a new citizen Regent.

Gatekeepers' Session: The Board will conclude the April meeting with its regular "gatekeeper" sessions, which will provide an opportunity for the Board to hear from the General Counsel, Under Secretary for Administration, Inspector General, and Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Case, Chair