

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2023, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) met on January 19, 2023, 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; Vice Chair Dr. 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 Robert M. Dow, Jr.; 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. The Chancellor acknowledged Steve Case’s final Executive Committee meeting as Chair of the Board of Regents, and the Committee thanked him for his leadership and service to the Board and the Smithsonian.

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 December 13, 2022, meeting.

OVERVIEW OF THE JANUARY 30, 2023, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Regents’ Dinner

On Sunday, January 29, at a dinner to be held at the Supreme Court of the United States, the Regents will honor David Rubenstein for his distinguished service to the Smithsonian Institution and present him with the Regents’ Gold Medal for Exceptional Service.

Regents’ Morning Tour

On Monday, January 30, prior to the start of the business meeting, the Regents will tour the *Barro Colorado Island 100 Years of Discovery and Wonder* exhibition at the National Museum of Natural History. The Regents will have an opportunity to view the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute’s first bilingual exhibition and first major exhibition on the National Mall, which will celebrate 100 years of tropical forest research on Barro Colorado Island in Panama.

Regents' Morning Business Meeting

Executive Session: The Board will begin the business meeting with an executive session. The Regents will be asked to approve the proposed committee chairmanships and memberships for 2023 and review the results of the 2022 self-assessment. The Board also will review and approve the fiscal year 2023 compensation recommendation for the Secretary.

Executive Session with the Secretary: The Board of Regents will then move into an executive session with the Secretary. The Board will consider for approval the fiscal year 2023 compensation recommendations for senior executives. The Regents also will be briefed on the annual workplace culture report and receive an update on the progress of personnel searches for various leadership positions at the Smithsonian.

Report of the Chair and Executive Committee: Steve Case will deliver his final report of the Chair and Executive Committee. He will recognize transitions for Regents and Smithsonian liaisons. Mr. Case also will brief the Regents on the Public Forum, which was held on December 13.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: The Regents will be asked to approve the Consent Agenda ("Agenda"). Action items on the Agenda will include approval of the October Board meeting minutes, appointments and reappointments to Smithsonian advisory boards, amendments to the Bylaws of the Smithsonian's National Zoological Park and Conservation Biology Institute, 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, Finance Committee, Investment Committee, Smithsonian National Board, and Office of Government Relation.

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 the reappointment of three candidates for an additional one-year term of membership service to the Council of the National Museum of African American History and Culture. The Board also will be asked to review and approve proposed amendments to four committee charters related to the restructuring of the Strategy, Innovation, and Technology Committee.

Luncheon Program – New Museum Directors: During lunch, three members of the Smithsonian's new leadership cohort will join the Regents and share their vision for their respective museums and programs

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 provide updates on the Smithsonian's Human Remains Policy, the closure of the Smithsonian

Castle, staff security enhancements, the Smithsonian’s telework stance, and the Smithsonian’s involvement in the United States Semiquincentennial celebration in 2026.

Update on Smithsonian Campaign for Our Shared Future: Next, the Board will hear from the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for Advancement Rob Spiller, and Advancement Committee Chair Christine Udvar-Hazy regarding the Smithsonian Campaign. The Regents will be asked to review and approve the core components of the fundraising Campaign, including the proposed timeline, messaging pillars, and the working dollar goal.

New Museums Update: To conclude the afternoon open session of the meeting, the Regents will be updated on the progress of site selection for the two new museums, including the legislative action needed to secure the Tidal Basin site and South Monument sites for the Latino Museum and Women’s Museum, respectively. The Regents also will receive an update on the launch of the virtual museums and other public programming, as well as fundraising efforts for the new museums. Additionally, the Board will engage in a conversation with the Secretary and his leadership team about the Smithsonian’s overall strategy for future new museums

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee moved into an executive session at approximately 12:45 p.m. to discuss the 2023 compensation recommendation for the Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Case, Chair