

## MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2024, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) met on March 21, 2024, at the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, D.C. Participating were Chancellor John G. Roberts, Jr.; Board and Executive Committee Chair Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey and Committee member Franklin D. Raines.

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; Chief Legal Officer Jennifer McIntyre; 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 Committee welcomed Jennifer McIntyre, who assumed her role as Chief Legal Officer on March 11. The Committee expressed its enthusiasm for working with Ms. McIntyre in her new role at the Smithsonian.

Board and Executive Committee Chair Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey reviewed the agenda, which consisted primarily of an overview of the April 8, 2024, 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 March 7, 2024, meeting.

### OVERVIEW OF THE APRIL 8, 2024, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

#### **Regents’ Dinner**

On Sunday, April 7, the Regents will join the Advisory Board of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (“SAO”), SAO scientists, and travelers with Smithsonian Journeys in Johnson City, Texas, for a lecture, dinner, and stargazing event to coincide with the upcoming total solar eclipse.

#### **Regents’ Morning Business Meeting**

**Report of the Chair and Executive Committee:** The Board of Regents will hold a condensed business meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024. To begin, Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey will deliver the Report of the Chair and Executive Committee. She will review engagement metrics from the most recent Regents’ Public Forum, which was held on January 29, 2024. Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey also will preview a discussion on crisis response that will be scheduled for the Board meeting in June and review two actions approved by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01.

**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 January Board meeting minutes and appointments and reappointments to Smithsonian advisory boards.

**Questions on Written Committee Reports:** The Regents will then have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the written reports submitted by the Audit and Review Committee, Facilities Committee, Smithsonian National Board, and Office of Government Relations.

**Report of the Advancement Committee:** Advancement Committee Chair Christine Udvar-Hazy will present one motion for the Board’s consideration: the approval of a gift and space naming at the National Museum of Natural History.

**Report of the Audit and Review Committee:** Committee Chair Denise O’Leary will then present the report of the Audit and Review Committee. The Board will be asked to vote on a new contract to procure independent, financial audit services for the Smithsonian Institution.

**Report of the Governance and Nominating Committee:** Committee Chair Roger Ferguson will present the report of the Governance and Nominating Committee. The Board will be asked to consider proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, three candidates for appointment as co-chairs of the Smithsonian Campaign for Our Shared Future and members of the Advancement Committee, and candidates for reappointment to the Advisory Board of the National Zoological Park and Conservation Biology Institute.

**Report of the Secretary:** Secretary Bunch will deliver the Report of the Secretary and update the Board on the state of the Smithsonian. The Secretary will brief the Regents on topics including the federal budget, human remains, and creating national presence at the local level. Smithsonian visitation numbers will also be provided under the Secretary’s report.

**Executive Session:** The Board will then move into an executive session. The Regents will discuss the need to initiate a search for citizen members of the Smithsonian Board of Regents. The Board also will receive an update on the search for a new Inspector General.

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

## ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey, Chair

## EMAIL BALLOT

The Executive Committee voted to approve the following motion on behalf of the Board of Regents, pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01, because the Board was not in session. The motion required approval by the Executive Committee, prior to the Board meeting in April, to accommodate the reappointment term. The motion was approved via email ballot completed on March 13, 2024.

**VOTED** that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01, approves the reappointment of Brenda Gaines to the Advisory Board of SITES and Smithsonian Affiliations for a final three-year term, effective April 1, 2024.