

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2023, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) conducted a videoconference meeting on April 19, 2023.

Participating were Board and Executive Committee Chair Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey, Vice Chair John Fahey, and Committee member Barbara M. Barrett.

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; Acting General Counsel Farleigh Earhart; Deputy Chief of Staff to the Regents Kate Forester; Special Assistant to the Regents Mallory Gianola (recorder); 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 Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and reviewed the agenda.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the draft minutes of the March 23, 2023, Committee meeting were approved.

JUNE BOARD MEETING

Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey reviewed the preliminary agenda for the upcoming Regents’ meeting to be held on June 12, 2023. The Committee discussed potential travel, tours, and meeting locations for the upcoming Board of Regents meetings. The Committee also reviewed the dates and locations for upcoming Campaign Preview events. Currently, events are scheduled in Chicago in May; Washington, D.C. in September; and New York in early 2024.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary then provided an update on the state of the Smithsonian. The Secretary led a discussion with the Committee on collections storage and space planning. At the April 2023 Board meeting, Regents had an opportunity to tour the Suitland Collections Center in Suitland, Maryland. The Secretary informed the Committee, that as follow-up, he plans to brief the Board on the Suitland Collections Center Master Plan and the Collections Space Framework Plan at a future Regents’ meeting. The Secretary also informed the Committee that as part of the strategic plan implementation, the Smithsonian is adopting a Collections Management Policy Framework that will facilitate the development of institutional policies and procedures that will ultimately result in more ethical and inclusive museum practices.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee moved into an executive session at approximately 11:32 a.m. to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey, Chair