

MINUTES OF THE MAY 22, 2023, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) conducted a videoconference meeting on May 22, 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 2:15 p.m. and reviewed the agenda.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the draft minutes of the April 19, 2023, Committee meeting were approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee moved into an executive session at approximately 2:16 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 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, according to Board Bylaw 3.01, because the Board was not in session. The Committee was asked to approve a proposed \$12 million gift for GEO-TREES at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (“STRI”) on behalf of the Board of Regents to accommodate the proposed public announcement and payment schedule beginning in May, prior to the Board meeting in June. The motion was approved via email ballot completed on May 17, 2023.

VOTED that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01, recognizes the generosity of Mr. Jeffrey P. Bezos to the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute and accepts the gift.