

# MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2018, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

## ATTENDANCE

This scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) was held on Monday, June 11, 2018. The Board conducted morning, afternoon, and executive sessions at the Smithsonian Institution Building (“Castle”) in Washington, D.C. Board Chair David M. Rubenstein welcomed Regents and staff and called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Also present were Regents:

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| The Chief Justice <sup>1</sup> | Steve Case, Vice Chair |
| Senator John Boozman           | John Fahey             |
| Senator Patrick J. Leahy       | Roger W. Ferguson, Jr. |
| Representative Tom Cole        | Michael Govan          |
| Representative Sam Johnson     | Michael Lynton         |
| Representative Doris Matsui    | John W. McCarter, Jr.  |
| Ambassador Barbara M. Barrett  |                        |

Robert MacDonald, Smithsonian National Board Chair  
Christine Udvar-Hazy, Advancement Committee Chair

The Vice President, Senator David Perdue, and Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey were unable to attend the meeting.

Smithsonian and Regent staff present by invitation of the Board were:

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| David J. Skorton, Secretary                                                             | Amanda Hamilton, Office of Representative Johnson                                    |
| Greg Bettwy, Chief of Staff to the Secretary                                            | Lauren Hancock, Office of Senator Perdue                                             |
| John Davis, Provost/Under Secretary for Museums, Education, and Research                | Cathy Helm, Inspector General                                                        |
| Eduardo Díaz, <sup>2</sup> Director of the Smithsonian Latino Center                    | Toni-Marie Higgins, Office of Senator Boozman                                        |
| Julie Eddy, Office of Representative Matsui                                             | Albert Horvath, Under Secretary for Finance & Administration/Chief Operating Officer |
| Kate Forester, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Regents                                     | Cheryl Johnson, Director of the Office of Government Relations                       |
| Susan Fruchter, <sup>2</sup> Acting Director of the National Museum of American History | Judith Leonard, General Counsel                                                      |
| Mallory Gianola, Special Assistant to the Regents                                       | Julissa Marengo, Assistant Secretary for Communications and External Affairs         |
| Kevin Gover, <sup>2</sup> Director of the National Museum of the American Indian        | Era Marshall, Director for the Office of Equal Employment and Minority Affairs       |
| Joshua Grogis, Office of Representative Cole                                            |                                                                                      |
| Elliot Gruber, <sup>2</sup> Director of the National Postal Museum                      |                                                                                      |

<sup>1</sup> Participated in the afternoon session only

<sup>2</sup> Participated in the lunch presentation only

Michael Atwood Mason,<sup>2</sup> Director of the  
Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural  
Heritage

Kevin McDonald, Senior Adviser to Senator Leahy

Jeffrey P. Minear, Counselor to the Chief Justice

Stephen M. Pinkos,<sup>1</sup> Office of the Vice President

Lisa Sasaki,<sup>2</sup> Director of the Smithsonian Asian  
Pacific American Center

Robert J. Spiller, Assistant Secretary for  
Advancement

Ellen R. Stofan,<sup>1</sup> John and Adrienne Mars

Director of the National Air and Space Museum

Porter N. Wilkinson, Chief of Staff to the Regents

Lori D. Yarrish,<sup>2</sup> Director of the Anacostia  
Community Museum

## MORNING SESSION

### EXECUTIVE SESSION: REPORT OF THE COMPENSATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#### Augmented Pay Scale for Certain Trust Executive Positions

The meeting of the Board of Regents began with an executive session. Compensation and Human Resources Committee Chair John Fahey led the Board's discussion of an updated compensation approach for select Trust executive positions. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve an Augmented Pay Scale for 19 Trust executive positions.

See attached Actions 2018.06.01 (*Minutes of the Board of Regents, Appendix A*).

### EXECUTIVE SESSION: REGENTS' TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

#### Regents' Travel Reimbursement Policy

Governance and Nominating Committee Chair Barbara Barrett led the Board's discussion on the Regents' travel reimbursement policy.

The executive session adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

## OPEN SESSION

#### Welcome

Smithsonian and Regent staff members entered the room and the meeting reconvened. Mr. Rubenstein welcomed everyone and called the open session to order at 9:56 a.m.

### REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### Recognition of Representative Sam Johnson

Mr. Rubenstein recognized Representative Sam Johnson, who has served as a Congressional Regent since 1995 and will conclude his term when he retires from Congress in January 2019. Mr. Rubenstein highlighted several pieces of critical legislation Congressman Johnson supported during his tenure, including the appointment of six Citizen Regents to the Board and capital facilities projects related to the National Zoological Park, the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, and the greenhouse facility in Suitland, Maryland. Mr. Rubenstein expressed the Board's grateful appreciation for Representative Johnson's service to the country and leadership on the Board.

**Departure of  
Smithsonian Liaison**

Next, Mr. Rubenstein noted that Julie Eddy would conclude her service as Congresswoman Doris Matsui’s Chief of Staff and Smithsonian liaison in June 2018. Mr. Rubenstein and Congresswoman Matsui thanked Ms. Eddy for her service to the Smithsonian.

**Transition of  
Advancement  
Committee Chair**

Mr. Rubenstein then welcomed Advancement Committee Chair Christine Udvar-Hazy to her first Board of Regents meeting. Ms. Udvar-Hazy succeeds founding Advancement Committee Chair, Alan Spoon. She has served on the Advancement Committee of the Board of Regents and as a member of the Smithsonian’s Los Angeles Regional Host Committee since 2014.

**Advancement  
Committee Introduction**

Ms. Udvar-Hazy shared her two overall goals for the Advancement Committee: (i) better acquainting the new Committee members with the breadth and scope of the Smithsonian, and (ii) sustaining the current level of fundraising and campaign planning.

**Upcoming Special  
Events**

Mr. Rubenstein ended the report of the Executive Committee with a brief review of three upcoming special events. On June 25, 2018, Mr. Rubenstein will host a dinner at the Renwick Gallery of Art for the directors of the Smithsonian, in recognition of their work on behalf of the Institution. The Smithsonian will participate in the Congressional Dialogues on September 5, a special dinner series hosted at the Library of Congress. The dinner will focus on science highlighting the National Air and Space Museum and the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. Mr. Rubenstein noted that the second Advisory Board Chair Symposium will be held in conjunction with the Board of Regents’ annual meeting of advisory board chairs.

## APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

**Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda (“Agenda”) was presented for the Board’s approval. Mr. Rubenstein reviewed the Agenda. Action items listed on the June 11, 2018, Agenda include: the draft minutes of the April 9, 2018, Board meeting; the appointment and reappointment of candidates to 13 Smithsonian Advisory Boards; amendments to the Bylaws of the Smithsonian Science Education Center; and the approval and naming recognition for one gift. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to adopt the Agenda, constituting the approval of all action items listed therein.

**See attached Actions 2018.06.02** (*Minutes of the Board of Regents, Appendix A*).

## REPORT OF THE ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

**Update on Regional  
Advancement  
Engagement**

Advancement Committee Chair Christine Udvar-Hazy provided the Board with an update on advancement activities across the Smithsonian and post-Campaign planning. Ms. Udvar-Hazy reported that the Committee will continue to strengthen the Smithsonian’s presence regionally and connect volunteers more effectively on a national basis through Regional Councils in ten major US cities

and a central Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will provide feedback and leadership in planning national advancement activities to expand visibility and philanthropy for the Smithsonian.

**Proposed Creation of a Quasi-endowment**

Next, Assistant Secretary for Advancement Rob Spiller presented one action item for the Board’s consideration: the creation of a quasi-endowment. The Board of Regents is responsible for approving the establishment of quasi-endowments, generally for amounts of \$50,000 or more. At its meeting on May 8, 2018, the Advancement Committee voted to recommend that the Board create a quasi-endowment to support the mission of the National Museum of African American History and Culture (“NMAAHC”). Although the quasi-endowment is below the \$50,000 threshold, the museum anticipates that in the future additional funds will be added. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve the proposed creation of the quasi-endowment.

**See attached Actions 2018.06.03** (*Minutes of the Board of Regents, Appendix A*).

## QUESTIONS ON WRITTEN COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Questions on Written Committee Reports**

Mr. Rubenstein reminded the Board that in an effort to maximize time for topics requiring Regent attention, Regent committee chairs and Smithsonian staff were asked to submit their reports in writing, unless a topic requires action or substantial discussion. The reports were distributed in advance of the meeting and committee chairs and Smithsonian senior staff were present to answer questions from the Board.

### *Written Report of the Facilities Committee*

**Report of the Facilities Committee**

The Facilities Committee met on May 3, 2018. During the meeting, the Committee received updates on the facilities capital and maintenance programs, three major revitalization projects at the National Museum of Natural History (“NMNH”), and the progress of the Smithsonian’s major capital projects. The Committee was also briefed on the status of the revitalization of the National Air and Space Museum (“NASM”).

**Facilities Capital and Maintenance Programs**

The Committee was briefed on the Smithsonian’s facilities capital requirements as well as investment needs for maintenance and repairs. In fiscal year 2018, the Institution’s need for a significant increase in the capital appropriation was recognized and supported. The Smithsonian received nearly \$312 million for capital, of which \$198 million was earmarked for the National Air and Space Museum Revitalization.

**Renovation projects at the NMNH**

The Committee reviewed progress on major revitalization projects at the National Museum of Natural History, including: gallery infrastructure and capital improvements of Halls 2-6 and the Fossil Hall Exhibit; the status of the Southside Improvements project, which includes making the National Mall entrance ADA

compliant and refurbishment of the steps, plaza, and portico; and an update on the interior first and ground floor café spaces that are part of the West Court Revitalization.

**NASM Revitalization**

The Committee also received an update on the NASM revitalization. The final funding increment of \$10 million to complete the Dulles Collections Storage Module 1 was received in the fiscal year 2018 appropriations. The facility will provide collections storage space for artifacts that must be relocated out of NASM during the multi-year revitalization. The Smithsonian completed its obligations for external reviews and in early 2018 the revitalization project was approved by both the US Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission.

*Written Report of the Investment Committee*

**Report of the Investment Committee**

The Investment Committee met on March 21, 2018, and reviewed the Investment Portfolio, Factor and Asset Allocation Analysis, Manager Concentration, and Portfolio Implementation and Operations. The Committee voted to approve the adoption of private equity and private real asset commitment ranges for 2018 and the recommended changes to the Policy Benchmark.

*Written Report of the Strategy, Innovation, and Technology Committee*

**Report of the Strategy, Innovation, and Technology Committee**

The Strategy, Innovation, and Technology Committee met in person on June 10, 2018. During the meeting, the Committee received an update from the Provost/Under Secretary for Museums and Research John Davis on new exhibitions, programming, events, and education and outreach programs. The Committee also reviewed the upcoming exhibition calendar. The Committee hosted a strategic discussion about the Smithsonian strategic plan goal of reaching 1 billion people a year with a digital-first strategy, and participated in a case study focusing on the Smithsonian American Women’s History Initiative.

*Written Report of the Smithsonian National Board*

**Report of the Smithsonian National Board**

The February and April 2018 meetings of the Smithsonian National Board (“SNB”) focused on two key institutional priorities: membership and leadership. During the February meeting, SNB focused on the National Air and Space Museum’s current priorities and planned transformation. The April meeting was held in conjunction with the Smithsonian Campaign celebration weekend April 7-8, 2018.

The SNB voted to recommend to the Board of Regents a bylaw amendment permitting the extension of the Chair’s term by one year in extraordinary circumstances, and for the Board’s support in extending Mr. Robert MacDonald’s term as Chair for one additional year. There was unanimous support from National Board members present for both proposals.

## *Written Report of the Office of Government Relations*

### **Report of the Office of Government Relations**

The Office of Government Relations (“OGR”) provided updates on the federal budget. On March 23, 2018, the House and Senate both passed and the President signed the fiscal year 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act. The Smithsonian’s full year fiscal year 2018 federal funding level was set at \$1,043.3 million.

On April 12, 2018, the House Appropriations Interior Subcommittee held a hearing on the Smithsonian’s fiscal year 2019 Budget Request. Secretary David J. Skorton testified, highlighting the Smithsonian’s ongoing facilities capital needs, strategic plan implementation, and the launch of the Smithsonian American Women’s History Initiative.

On April 17, 2018, Representative Sam Johnson introduced legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives on behalf of the Board to reappoint Barbara M. Barrett to a second term on the Board of Regents. On April 24, 2018, Senator Boozman introduced identical legislation in the U.S. Senate.

OGR has continued congressional and presidential administration engagement, hosting and participating in a number of programs and events. In late February, Vice President Pence toured the National Museum of African American History and Culture. On July 24, 2018, the Smithsonian will host its annual Congressional Night for Members of Congress, their families, and staff at the National Air and Space Museum.

On May 3, 2018, more than 900 D.C. government employees toured the National Museum of African American History and Culture during an open house sponsored in conjunction with the District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser.

## **REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **Report of the Governance and Nominating Committee**

Governance and Nominating Committee (“GNC”) Chair Ambassador Barbara M. Barrett presented the Committee report including three motions requiring action of the Board: (i) amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, (ii) amendments to the Charter of the Finance Committee, and (iii) amendments to the Bylaws of the Smithsonian National Board.

### **Amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents**

Ambassador Barrett reviewed the proposed amendments to §5.05 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, which have been endorsed by the House and Senate committees. The changes reflect two title changes to the Under Secretaries position titles and clarify that the duties of the Chief Operating Officer will include serving as the Institution’s Chief Financial Officer. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve the proposed amendments to §5.05 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents.

**See attached Actions 2018.06.04** (*Minutes of the Board of Regents, Appendix A*).

**Amendment to the Charter of the Finance Committee**

Next, the Board reviewed the proposed amendments to the Finance Committee Charter, which would define the Committee’s authority to approve certain investments from non-endowed reserves recommended by Smithsonian Enterprises. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve the proposed amendment to the Finance Committee Charter.

**See attached Actions 2018.06.05** (*Minutes of the Board of Regents, Appendix A*).

**Amendments to the Bylaws of the Smithsonian National Board**

Ambassador Barret presented the Board with proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Smithsonian National Board. The proposed amendments allow for an additional one-year term for the Chair in extraordinary circumstances to ensure better continuity and cohesiveness between Smithsonian leadership and the SNB. Although a non-voting participant, SNB Chair Robert MacDonald recused himself from the discussion and vote. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve the proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Smithsonian National Board.

**See attached Actions 2018.06.06** (*Minutes of the Board of Regents, Appendix A*).

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Report of the Finance Committee**

Chair of the Finance Committee John Fahey gave the Committee’s report and presented three action items for the Board’s consideration: (i) the fiscal year 2020 federal budget priorities, (ii) the fiscal year 2019 Endowment Payout, and (iii) the creation of an unrestricted quasi-endowment.

**Fiscal Year 2020 Federal Budget Priorities**

Mr. Fahey noted that the fiscal year 2020 budget request is due to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) on September 10, 2018. He reviewed the Institution’s priorities for building the fiscal year 2020 federal budget, which include: salaries and expenses, research and museum program infrastructure, Institution facilities maintenance and security, and major revitalization projects. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the fiscal year 2020 federal budget priorities proposed by the Secretary.

**See attached Actions 2018.06.07** (*Minutes of the Board of Regents, Appendix A*).

**Fiscal Year 2019 Endowment Payout**

Next, Mr. Fahey presented the fiscal year 2019 Endowment Payout recommendation. The Smithsonian’s historical policy is to pay out five percent of the trailing average market value per share over the previous five years in order to support programs and activities. In the past, the Regents have also approved an additional annual payout of up to one percent to pay for the costs of the National Campaign. Mr. Fahey informed the Board this additional payout has been reduced to 0.75% for fiscal year 2019. The projected payout to support programmatic activity for fiscal year 2019 is \$69.7 million and the payout to fund advancement activities is projected at \$4.6 million. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved a five percent payout from the Smithsonian



Endowment in fiscal year 2019 to support programmatic activity. Further, the Board approved up to an additional 0.75 percent payout from eligible Smithsonian Endowment funds in fiscal year 2019 to support advancement activity.

**See attached Actions 2018.06.08** (*Minutes of the Board of Regents, Appendix A*).

**Proposed Creation of a Quasi-Endowment**

Lastly, Mr. Fahey presented the Finance Committee’s proposed creation of a quasi-endowment in the amount of \$10,000,000. The Board of Regents is responsible for approving the establishment of quasi-endowments. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the creation of an unrestricted quasi-endowment in the amount of \$10,000,000 from non-endowed reserves to support core operations of the Institution.

**See attached Actions 2018.06.09** (*Minutes of the Board of Regents, Appendix A*).

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

**Secretary’s Update**

Secretary Skorton updated the Board on the state of the Smithsonian, including pending legislation, upcoming exhibitions, and fundraising initiatives.

**Pending Legislation**

The Secretary provided an update on the pending legislation regarding a women’s museum. In March 2017, Representative Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12) introduced a bill called the Smithsonian Women’s History Museum Act (H.R. 19). The bill has not been brought to a vote in the Senate or the House, however, there is support for the bill and the Smithsonian continues to monitor its progress. As written, the bill would establish a Smithsonian museum on the National Mall for the collection, study, and establishment of programs exploring the contributions of women to various fields throughout history. This legislation does not appropriate any federal funding for the new museum. The Secretary has shared his concerns with Representative Maloney about the impact such an undertaking could have on projects, such as the current revitalization of the National Air and Space Museum, and deferred maintenance of Smithsonian buildings without the support of federal funding.

**Smithsonian American Women’s History Initiative**

Next, the Secretary asked Provost and Under Secretary for Museums, Education, and Research John Davis to update the Board on the Smithsonian American Women’s History Initiative. Dr. Davis highlighted two major exhibitions planned as part of the Initiative. To honor the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, *Votes for Women: An American Awakening, 1840-192*, will open in 2019 at the National Portrait Gallery. Through portraiture, biography, and material culture, the exhibition will examine the complex narrative of women’s suffrage in the United States. The second exhibition, yet to be titled, will open in 2020 at the National Museum of American History. The exhibition will identify how girls have shaped and changed American history, and will travel to ten venues throughout the country. Dr. Davis also announced that the Smithsonian has funded six new curatorial positions as part of the Initiative,

which will enable the Smithsonian to share stories about the transformational roles American women have played in the nation's history.

**Giant Magellan Telescope**

The Secretary gave an update on the Giant Magellan Telescope ("GMT"). The Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory is working with a group of international partners to build a giant ground-based telescope. Upon completion in 2021, the GMT will be one of the world's largest and most powerful telescope, used to explore the distant universe and search for evidence of life on other planets. The project is expected to cost \$1.3 billion. Secretary Skorton highlighted two competing projects: the European Extremely Large Telescope and the Thirty Meter Telescope, and noted that the National Science Foundation ("NSF") has not provided funding to any of the projects. The Secretary explained to the Board the NSF's desire to gauge the importance of these projects to the nation and solicit expert opinion on the telescope design using the Decadal Survey. The GMT is the biggest single science project ever undertaken by the Smithsonian.

Following the report of the Secretary, the Board adjourned to the luncheon program at approximately 11:39 a.m.

**LUNCH: CONVERSATION WITH SMITHSONIAN HISTORY AND CULTURE DIRECTORS**

**Luncheon Program**

As part of an ongoing effort to increase interaction among Regents and Smithsonian directors, the Regents invited the Smithsonian's history and culture directors to join the Board's quarterly lunch at the June 11, 2018, meeting. During lunch, Chair David Rubenstein hosted a conversation with Eduardo Díaz, Director of the Smithsonian Latino Center; Elliott Gruber, Director of the National Postal Museum; and Lisa Sasaki, Director of the Asian Pacific American Center.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

The Chancellor called the afternoon session to order at approximately 1:02 p.m. and reviewed the remainder of the Board's business agenda.

**CONVERSATION WITH NASM DIRECTOR ELLEN STOFAN**

**Conversation with Ellen Stofan**

Secretary Skorton introduced Ellen Stofan, the new John and Adrienne Mars Director of the National Air and Space Museum. Dr. Stofan began her tenure at the museum on April 30.

Dr. Stofan identified some of the challenges of the NASM revitalization, including de-installing and moving approximately 1,700 artifacts. She cited three examples of artifacts that will be relocated to the Dulles Collections Storage Module, including the 1903 Wright Flyer, Amelia Earhart's "Little Red Bus," and John Glenn's *Friendship 7* spacecraft. She also highlighted two of the artifacts that will require a Protect in Place approach: the Skylab Orbital Workshop and the Ryan

NYP *Spirit of St. Louis*. The new galleries will feature more than 1,400 newly-displayed artifacts from the Smithsonian’s collection.

Dr. Stofan described the plans for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Apollo 11 mission. The museum is positioned to lead the national celebration in collaboration with NASA, the White House, and aerospace industry partners. The celebration will recognize the 50th anniversary of the mission and explore the birth and development of the American space program and the space race.

## LONG-RANGE FINANCIAL PLANNING

### Initial Strategic Financial Analysis

Mr. Horvath provided an initial overview of the Institution’s financial position, existing challenges, and a first set of potential actions to ensure stability and resources for the strategic plan implementation.

The Smithsonian relies on financial support from federal appropriations, Government grants and contracts, and contributions from the private sector to execute its mission to increase and diffuse knowledge. In addition, the Institution generates its own revenue through a variety of business activities. Mr. Horvath reported to the Board four budgetary goals for their consideration: (i) maintain federal funding and seek increases for key Smithsonian priorities, (ii) create a larger pool of flexible resources that can be directed to activities supporting the achievement of strategic plan goals, (iii) grow net revenue from Smithsonian Enterprises activities, and (iv) continue to grow the Smithsonian’s fundraising results. The Board reviewed the short-term and long-term challenges of each goal, and discussed the three to five-year strategies and opportunities for funding increases.

## UPDATE ON STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

### Strategic Plan Implementation

Secretary Skorton updated the Board on the implementation process for the Smithsonian’s Strategic Plan for 2017 – 2022.

### Strategic Plan Leadership Retreat

The Secretary briefed the Board on the Smithsonian leadership retreat, which took place May 24-25, 2018. The retreat brought together unit directors and central leadership around two objectives: (i) to foster greater collaboration around shared values and common goals, and (ii) to make key strategic plan goals tangible, actionable, and identify those accountable for their achievement. A second leadership retreat is planned in September.

### Smithsonian Year of Music 2019

Provost and Under Secretary for Museums, Education, and Research John Davis shared details about the formal launch of the Smithsonian Year of Music 2019, an Institution-wide initiative inspired by the strategic plan goal: Be One Smithsonian. The initiative will share the vast musical holdings that span the Institution and are found throughout its programs, collections, and exhibits. At the core will be the public program “365 Days of Music at the Smithsonian,” including lectures, music releases, concerts, and workshops that will be offered every day in 2019.

The pan-Smithsonian team coordinating the Initiative is being led by Dwandalyn Reece, Curator of Music and Performing Arts at the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and Huib Schippers the Director of Smithsonian Folkways Recordings at the Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. The initiative also will celebrate the 70th anniversary of Smithsonian Folkways Recordings, the nonprofit record label of the Smithsonian Institution. The public launch of the initiative is planned for October.

**Solstice Saturday  
Celebration**

Dr. Davis informed the Board of another pan-Institutional initiative hosted by the Smithsonian, Solstice Saturday. On Saturday, June 23, there will be an Institution-wide celebration kicking off the summer season with free parties, programs, and performances throughout the Smithsonian's museums, research centers, and the National Zoo. Nearly every Smithsonian museum in the Washington area will extend their hours until midnight.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION: "GATEKEEPER" REPORTS**

**Executive Session**

The Board then conducted an executive session with the Smithsonian's Gatekeepers, including the Secretary, General Counsel, Chief Operating Officer, and Inspector General.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:11 p.m., after which Mr. Rubenstein and the Secretary moved to the Secretary's Parlor to address questions from the media.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Skorton  
Secretary

## APPENDIX A: ACTIONS OF THE JUNE 11, 2018, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves an Augmented Pay Scale for 19 Trust executive positions. [2018.06.01]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents adopts the Consent Agenda, which constitutes the approval of all action items listed therein. [2018.06.02]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the minutes of the April 9, 2018, meeting of the Board of Regents.

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the proposed slate of candidates for appointment or reappointment to 13 Smithsonian advisory boards.\*

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the proposed amendments to the bylaws of the National Advisory Board of the Smithsonian Science Education Center.

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents recognizes the generosity of Land O'Lakes, Inc. and accepts the terms of the sponsorship agreement.

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents creates a quasi-endowment to support the mission of the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Further, the Board authorizes the transfer of the funds identified for this purpose. [2018.06.03]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the proposed amendment to §5.05 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents. [2018.06.04]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the proposed amendments to the Finance Committee Charter. [2018.06.05]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the proposed amendments to the bylaws of the Smithsonian National Board. [2018.06.06]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the fiscal year 2020 federal budget priorities proposed by the Secretary. [2018.06.07]

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\* Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey recused from voting.

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves a five percent payout from the Smithsonian Endowment in fiscal year 2019 to support programmatic activity. The Board further approves up to an additional 0.75 percent payout from eligible Smithsonian Endowment funds in fiscal year 2019 to support advancement activity. The payout shall be calculated against the trailing five-year average market value of the Smithsonian Endowment. [2018.06.08]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the creation of an unrestricted quasi-endowment in the amount of \$10,000,000 from non-endowed reserves to support core operations of the Institution. [2018.06.09]