

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
PLANETARIUM AUTHORITY**

September 20, 2018
Perkins Reading Room - RCES
11:30 a.m.

Directors Present: Planetarium Authority Chairman Katheryn Patterson; Alfred C. Cerullo, III; Ross Sandler

Directors Absent: None

AMNH Staff Present: Dan Slippen, Executive Director for the American Museum of Natural History Planetarium Authority ("Planetarium Authority"); Jackie Powers, pro bono legal counsel for the Planetarium Authority; Ellen Gallagher, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of AMNH; Milton Yuen, Controller of AMNH; and Robert Hurley, Associate Controller of AMNH

Call to Order

Planetarium Authority Chairman Katheryn Patterson called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Directors in attendance unanimously approved the minutes of the September 27, 2017 meeting of the Directors of the American Museum of Natural History Planetarium Authority in the form included as part of the September 20, 2018 Board book, which was previously distributed to the Board.

Report of the Executive Director

Dan Slippen, Executive Director of the Planetarium Authority, reported on activities of the Rose Center for Earth and Space ("RCES"). He reported that nearly 15,000 visitors attended 25 different Hayden Planetarium programs in FY18. The total ticketed attendance at the Space Show in FY18 was 939,967, which is a 1.2% increase over the prior year. Paid attendance at the Space Show was 839,593 visitors. The Museum's total ticketed attendance was 4.3 million in FY18. Attendance at the Annual Asimov Debate on the topic of Artificial Intelligence was 710 attendees.

Turning to upcoming events, Mr. Slippen stated that on September 25, 2018, Director of Visualization Carter Emmart and Brown University's Christopher Kremer will present a tour of the red planet from the perspective of the Curiosity rover at an event entitled "Astronomy Life: Mars 2020." On October 30, 2018, Astrophysicist Jackie Faherty and presenter Mark Popinchalk will conduct a virtual tour in the dome

highlighting the universe's most frightening phenomena in a program entitled "Astronomy Life: Spooky Space." On November 5, 2018, Astronaut and best-selling author Scott Kelly will discuss his latest book, *Infinite Wonder*.

Director Ross Sandler asked if the construction of the Gilder Center for Science, Education, and Innovation would impact or affect the Planetarium Authority or its land in any way. Mr. Slippen stated that the Gilder Center construction is not taking place on land owned by the Planetarium Authority, and there were no issues of which he was aware that could impact the Planetarium Authority in any way.

Approval of the FY18 Audited Financials

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Directors in attendance unanimously approved the FY18 Audited Financial Statements for the American Museum of Natural History Planetarium Authority in the form included as part of the September 20, 2018 Board book, which was previously distributed to the Board.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Directors in attendance unanimously approved a motion, duly made and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.