

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

September 25, 2019  
Perkins Reading Room - RCES  
3:30 p.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"); 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 20, 2018 meeting of the Directors of the American Museum of Natural History Planetarium Authority in the form included as part of the September 25, 2019 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 8,500 visitors attended 23 different Hayden Planetarium programs in FY19. Paid attendance at the Space Show was 898,134 visitors.

Turning to upcoming events, Dan reported that on October 7, 2019, Planetary geologist Brett Denevi will discuss her role on NASA's spacecraft MESSENGER which orbited Mercury and her studies surrounding the origin, composition, and evolution of planetary surfaces in a program entitled *Frontiers Lecture: The Ancient Volcanoes of Mercury*. On October 29, 2019, Astrophysicist Jackie Faherty will host a program called *Astronomy Live: Spooky Space*, where she gives a virtual tour in the Hayden dome highlighting the universe's most frightening phenomena. On November 5, 2019, Astronaut and best-selling author Scott Kelly will give a special showcase of his latest book, *Infinite Wonder*.

Approval of the FY19 Audited Financials

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Directors in attendance unanimously approved the FY19 Audited Financial Statements for the American Museum of Natural History Planetarium Authority in the form included as part of the September 25, 2019 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.