

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

September 27, 2017
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 29, 2016 meeting of the Directors of the American Museum of Natural History Planetarium Authority in the form previously distributed as part of the September 27, 2017 Board book.

Report of the Executive Director

Dan Slippen, Executive Director of the Planetarium Authority, reported on the activities of the Rose Center for Earth and Space ("RCES"). He reported that in FY17, the Museum's ticketed attendance was 4.3 million visitors. Nearly 20,000 visitors attended forty Hayden Planetarium programs in FY17. The total ticketed attendance at the Space Show was 928,481, or 30.5% more than the previous year.

On August 21, 2017, the Museum hosted a public program called *Hayden Special Event: Total Solar Eclipse*. Approximately 700 people attended the talk in the Cullman Hall of the Universe, which included a live NASA stream. Over 4,000 people viewed the eclipse from the Arthur Ross Terrace, 81st Street driveway, 77th Street entrance and Central Park West entrance. 2,500 eclipse glasses were distributed, 800 pin-hole viewers were made, telescopes and sun-spotters were available for viewing, and explainers were on-site to answer questions.

Approval of the FY17 Audited Financials

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Directors in attendance unanimously approved the FY17 Audited Financial Statements for the American Museum of Natural History Planetarium Authority in the form included as part of the September 27, 2017 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.