

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

September 28, 2015

Perkins Reading Room - RCES

3:00 p.m.

Directors Present: 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"); Ann Siegel, Senior Vice President of Operations and Capital Programs; Jackie Powers, pro bono legal counsel for the Planetarium Authority; Gerald R. Singer, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the American Museum of Natural History ("AMNH"); Ellen Gallagher, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of AMNH; Rhea Gordon, Associate Counsel of the American Museum of Natural History; Robert Hurley, Associate Controller of the American Museum of Natural History

Others Present: Dennis Morrone and Edward Miller

Call to Order

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 November 18, 2014 meeting of the Directors of the American Museum of Natural History Planetarium Authority in the form previously distributed as part of the September 28, 2015 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 the RCES welcomed 4.1 million visitors last year. The Museum and the Planetarium together welcomed approximately 475,000 school children, including their teachers, of which over 75,000 also saw the Space Show. Total ticketed attendance for the Space Show was over 850,000 visitors which is a capture rate of over 20%. The RCES held 30 programs, serving over 13,000 attendees in FY15, which was almost 4,000 more program visitors than last year.

Some programmatic highlights include the 2015 *Isaac Asimov Memorial Debate* with Neil deGrasse Tyson which addressed the past, present and future of water on Earth. This event was held on March 28, 2015. Another major program this past year was *Sun/Earth Day*, which is a free, family-friendly program where visitors explored the special relationship between Earth and the Sun and learned about the balance that makes Earth habitable. This event took place on March 21, 2015.

Approval of the FY15 Audited Financials

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Directors in attendance unanimously approved the FY15 Audited Financial Statements for the American Museum of Natural History Planetarium Authority in the form included as part of the September 28, 2015 Board book, which was previously distributed to the Board.

Executive Session

At this point the Directors called for an Executive Session. **Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Directors in attendance unanimously approved a motion for an Executive Session to discuss the exterior glass façade of the RCES.**

Adjournment

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