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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ADDS TWO NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Philadelphia, PA (May 29, 2014) – The National Constitution Center has elected Dr. Richard R. (“Rick”) Beeman, John Welsh Centennial Professor of History Emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania, and Larry Kramer, President of The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and former Dean of Law at Stanford University, to its Board of Trustees, which is chaired by Governor Jeb Bush. Dr. Beeman has been involved with the Constitution Center as both a board member and scholarly adviser since the museum’s founding years, and is returning to the board after a brief hiatus.

“We continue to draw the top names in education, business, entertainment, philanthropy, history, and law to our Board of Trustees,” said President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen. “I am thrilled to officially welcome Dr. Beeman back to the board, as he has been lending his valuable expertise as an adviser for our new Bill of Rights Gallery over the past year. Larry’s knowledge of the law will be invaluable as well as we continue to book the nation’s experts for our Town Hall program series and build our Interactive Constitution.”

Larry Kramer is President of [The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation](#), one of the nation’s largest philanthropic foundations that awards grants on a wide range of social and environmental problems. From 2004 to 2012, he served as Richard E. Lang Professor and Dean of Stanford Law School. Prior to joining Stanford University, Kramer served as a professor of law at the University of Chicago, University of Michigan, and New York University law schools. Kramer also served as a special consultant for Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP in Chicago. He began his career as a law clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Henry J. Friendly of the Second Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan Jr.

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Kramer is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the American Philosophical Society and the American Law Institute. He currently serves on the boards of Equal Justice Works, a nonprofit organization that helps advance public interest law, and the ClimateWorks Foundation, an organization that promotes public policies to mitigate climate change and promote global prosperity. He received his undergraduate degree in psychology and religious studies from Brown University (1980) and his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School (1984). Kramer resides in Palo Alto, California.

Dr. Richard R. Beeman, the John Welsh Centennial Professor of History Emeritus, has been a member of the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania for 44 years. He is a historian of the American Revolutionary Era, and has written seven books and several dozen articles on aspects of America's political and constitutional history in the 18th and early 19th centuries. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, and the Huntington Library. He has served as a Fulbright Professor in the United Kingdom and as Vyvyan Harmsworth Distinguished Professor of American History at Oxford University.

Dr. Beeman previously served on the Constitution Center's Board of Trustees from 2003 – September 2013. During his trusteeship, he served on the Executive Committee and chaired the Museum Revitalization Committee. Beeman has also served on the Constitution Center's Scholars Advisory Panel since 1999. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley (1964); his graduate degree from the College of William and Mary (1965); and his doctorate from the University of Chicago (1968). He and his wife, Mary Cahill, reside in Media, Pennsylvania.

About the National Constitution Center

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