

## Authority Mission Statement and Performance Measurements

### **Name of Public Authority:**

American Museum of Natural History Planetarium Authority

### **Public Authority's Mission Statement:**

The American Museum of Natural History Planetarium Authority was created “for the purpose of establishing and maintaining... a planetarium upon a site... adjacent to the American Museum of Natural History; ... of encouraging and developing the study of astronomical science; of advancing the general knowledge of kindred subjects, and to that end, of furnishing popular instruction.”

**Date Adopted:** 1933

### **List of Performance Goals:**

The Planetarium Authority owns a planetarium with associated exhibits that is open to the public 363 days a year to encourage and develop the study of astronomical science and to advance the knowledge of kindred subjects.

The planetarium is operated by the American Museum of Natural History (“AMNH”) in accordance with a lease between the Planetarium Authority and AMNH, and in accordance Title V, Section 59.05 of the New York State Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, as amended.

Therefore, fulfillment of this mission (i.e. operation of the planetarium) is accomplished by the AMNH.

The Planetarium Authority is regularly briefed on the operations and maintenance of the planetarium facility.

**Additional questions:**

1. Have the board members acknowledged that they have read and understood the mission of the public authority?

Yes.

2. Who has the power to appoint the management of the public authority?

The Board of Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History.

3. If the Board appoints management, do you have a policy you follow when appointing the management of the public authority?

Not Applicable.

4. Briefly describe the role of the Board and the role of management in the implementation of the mission.

The Planetarium Authority Board of Directors has the governing fiduciary duty over the Planetarium Authority. The management of the Planetarium Authority oversees the operations of the Planetarium, as handled by the AMNH.