

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum
Monday, March 21, 2022
12:30 pm**

Members Present: Madlyn Bagneris, Fairleigh Jackson, Christopher Tidmore, Jay Batt, Ken Pickering, Malcolm Hodnett, Thelma French, Florence Jumonville, Wendy Lodrig, Ruth Burke, Melissa Steiner, Suzie Terrell, Ro Brown, James Becnel, Phillip Albert, Storey Charbonnet

Members Absent: Lloyd Bourgeois, Brian King, Tiffany Adler, Suzanne Perlis, Julio Guichard

LSM Staff Present: Anna Cahill, Michael McKnight, Yvonne Mack, Julia George Moore, Susan Maclay, Jason Strada, Greg Lambousy, Rodney Hart

A quorum was present.

- I. Call to order**
Wendy Lodrig called the meeting to order at 12:36 pm.
- II. Adoption of the Agenda**
 - A. Wendy Lodrig made a motion to amend the agenda to add the following: III. Lieutenant Governor and VII. A. II. Waiver of CAM late fees. Madlyn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
 - B. Jay Batt made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Storey Charbonnet seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- III. Lieutenant Governor**
The Lieutenant Governor phoned in to the meeting to welcome all the new members to the Board. He also thanked each member for serving.
- IV. Adoption of the Minutes**
 - A. Christopher Tidmore made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum held on February 7, 2022. Phillip Albert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
 - B. Suzie Terrell made a motion to adopt the minutes from the Board of Directors of Louisiana State Museum Orientation held on March 7, 2022. Madlyn Bagneris seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- V. Discussion of Recording Full Board Meetings**
Wendy Lodrig opened the floor for a discussion on the audio recording of full board meetings. Melissa Steiner briefly explained why the executive committee felt it was not

necessary to have board meetings audio recorded. After brief discussion, Ken Pickering made a motion to audio record full board meetings moving forward. Fairleigh Jackson seconded the motion and Wendy Lodrig called for a vote. The following members voted yes: Jay Batt, Storey Charbonnet, Christopher Tidmore, James Becnel, Ro Brown, Malcolm Hodnett, Phillip Albert, Ken Pickering, Florence Jumonville, Ruth Burke, Fairleigh Jackson. The following members were opposed: Melissa Steiner, Madlyn Bagneris, Wendy Lodrig, Suzie Terrell. The motion passed with a vote of 11-4.

VI. Election of Officers

A. Chair

- I. Wendy Lodrig opened the floor for nominations. Madlyn Bagneris nominated Suzie Terrell. Melissa Steiner seconded the nomination. Fairleigh Jackson nominated Christopher Tidmore. Phillip Albert seconded the nomination. Madlyn Bagneris motioned to close nominations. Melissa Steiner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- II. Each nominee was given the opportunity to make a brief statement then Wendy Lodrig called for a vote. The following members voted for Suzie Terrell: Jay Batt, Storey Charbonnet, Malcolm Hodnett, Ruth Burke, Wendy Lodrig, Melissa Steiner, Madlyn Bagneris, Suzie Terrell, Thelma French, Florence Jumonville. The following members voted for Christopher Tidmore: James Becnel, Ro Brown, Phillip Albert, Ken Pickering, Christopher Tidmore, Fairleigh Jackson. With a vote of 6-10 Suzie Terrell was announced as the new LSM Board Chair.

B. Vice Chair

- I. Suzie Terrell opened the floor for nominations. Ruth Burke nominated Jay Batt. Melissa Steiner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Jay Batt's nomination for vice-chair was unanimously approved.

VII. Committee Reports and Board Action Items

A. Irby/Finance Committee

- I. 808 Chartres Street – Phillip Albert made a motion to formally accept the applications received for the space. Melissa Steiner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- II. Waiver of CAM late fees – Christopher Tidmore made a motion to waive the late fees for 525 St. Ann (Jackie's) from December CAM invoices that were not received which covered July-December 2021. Fairleigh Jackson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

B. Collections Action Items

- I. Melissa Steiner made a motion to accept the proposed acquisitions for the permanent collection. Jay Batt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- II. Christopher Tidmore made a motion to accept the proposed acquisitions for the study collection. Melissa Steiner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- III. Madlyn Bagneris made a motion to accept the proposed deaccessions from the permanent collection. Ruth Burke seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- IV. Fairleigh Jackson notified the board of any incoming loans and incoming loan extensions.

C. Architectural Preservation Committee

- I. Raymond Williams discussed the current projects that are underway at Madame John's Legacy. There was a brief discussion regarding the building. Raymond Williams invited the Board to come by the property to see the work being done to restore the building.

VIII. Museum Presentations

Greg Lambousy notified the Board of the Jazz Museum's plans for the grant received. Rodney Hart provided an update regarding all museums outside of New Orleans.

IX. LSM Report

Michael McKnight notified the Board of the current budget for LSM and Irby. He introduced the new budgeting team that will assist him moving forward.

X. Friends/Foundation Reports

Jason Strada provided an update regarding recent programming and partnerships with Friends of the Cabildo. He also notified the Board that the renovations of the third-floor arsenal at the Cabildo are almost complete.

Susan Maclay gave the Board copies of the Foundation's audit. She also provided an update regarding current and upcoming programming, contracts and grants for the Foundation.

XI. Old Business – There was no old business.

XII. New Business – Phillip Albert asked for an update regarding the LSM Director search. Ruth Burke requested that the Board meet within the next 10 days to review the Lord Study.

XIII. Adjournment – Ruth Burke motioned to adjourn the meeting. Melissa Steiner seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.