

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum
Monday, June 8, 2020
12:30 pm
Video Conference via Zoom

Members Present: Mary Coulon, Ann Irwin, Florence Jumonville, Kevin Kelly, Aleta Leckelt, Anne Redd, Christen Losey-Gregg, Kim Abramson, Christopher Tidmore, Madlyn Bagneris, Suzanne Perlis, Larry Schmidt, Suzanne Terrell, Will Wilton, and Melissa Steiner

Members Absent: Lee Felterman and Fairleigh Jackson

LSM Staff Present: Yvonne Mack, Polly Rolman-Smith, Steven Maklansky, and Bridgette Thibodeaux

A quorum was present.

I. Call to order

Anne Redd called the meeting to order at 12:48 pm

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Madlyn Bagneris made a motion to adopt the agenda. Kim Abramson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

III. Adoption of Minutes from the Louisiana State Museum Board of Directors Meeting held May 11, 2020.

Melissa Steiner made a motion to amend the minutes to correctly reflect in the New Business the date of the meeting should be June 8th, 2020 in lieu of June 9th. Madlyn Bagneris seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Christen Losey-Gregg made a motion to adopt the minutes as amended above from the meeting held May 11, 2020. Kevin Kelly seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

IV. Board Action Items:

A. Irby:

1. FY 21 Budget

The proposed budget was presented by Steven Maklansky. It was noted that the budget will likely change as the FY continues. Kim Abramson made a motion to approve the FY 21 Irby budget as presented. Christopher Tidmore seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

2. Commercial tenants' rent

A discussion occurred regarding the commercial rent and uncertainty of businesses in the French Quarter during the pandemic. Christopher Tidmore made a motion to waive all fees and penalties associated with late commercial payments beginning with payments due April 1st and extending through September 15th. Madlyn Bagneris seconded the motion and Anne Redd

called for public comment. Marianne Lewis of Jackie's & Violet's and Alex Gringrow of Little Toy Shoppe spoke in support of the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Residential rent

Kim Abramson made a motion to freeze current residential rents (except for the actual cost reimbursement of common area maintenance) for all tenants for FY 21 in lieu of a rent study this year. Suzanne Terrell seconded the motion and there was no public comment. The motion was unanimously approved.

a. Collections

- i. Proposed Accessions (Donations) - Madlyn Bagneris made a motion to accept all donations as presented. Christen Losey-Gregg seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- ii. Proposed Deaccessions - Madlyn Bagneris made a motion to approve all proposed deaccessions as presented. Will Wilton seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- iii. Planning conservation treatment - Florence Jumonville made a motion to approve the planned conservation treatment. Christopher Tidmore seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

V. Interim Director's Report - Steven Maklansky provided a brief report on activities of staff during the closures. He also gave an update on the opening of the museums on May 16th and provided information regarding the very low attendance at all of the locations. Natchitoches has seen the largest percentage of visitors return, but is still well below their typical attendance.

VI. Old Business - There was no old business.

VII. New Business - There was no new business.

VIII. Adjournment - Suzie Terrell made a motion to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm.