

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Monday, April 10, 2017
12:30 PM – The Old U.S. Mint
New Orleans, Louisiana**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum was called to order by Dr. Lawrence N. Powell at 12:30 PM at the Old U.S. Mint in New Orleans. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Madlyn B. Bagneris; Julie F. Breitmeyer; Tamra Carboni; Rosemary Upshaw Ewing; D. Lee Felterman; Sharon Turcan Gahagan; Janet V. Haedicke; Harry S. Hardin, III; George A. Hero, III; Fairleigh Cook Jackson; Kevin Kelly; Aleta Leckelt; Lawrence N. Powell; Anne F. Redd; Melissa D. Steiner; Lana Sonnier Venable; and William Wilton

Members Absent: Rennie Buras II; Mary C. Coulon; Carolyn K. Morris; and Gary N. Wheat

Also Present: Ruth Burke, President of the Friends of the Cabildo; Susan Maclay, Executive Director of the Louisiana Museum Foundation; and Jason Strada, Executive Director of the Friends of the Cabildo

LSM Staff Present: Timothy J. Chester; Yvette Cuccia; Cassandra Erb; Melvin Gilbert; Greg Lambousy; Karen Leathem; Marvin McGraw; Yvonne Mack; William Stark; Faith Troxler; Celestine Washington; and Stacey Wilson

Call to Order

The LSM Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Dr. Powell.

Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Powell MOVED for a change to the agenda and subsequent motion to adopt the amended agenda. He requested that Tim Chester's Interim Director's report be moved from item 4 to item 7. Seconded by Mr. Hardin, the amended agenda was **unanimously approved**.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 13, 2017 meeting were distributed in advance for the Board's review. Ms. Redd MOVED, seconded by Ms. Ewing, to approve the March 13, 2017 minutes.

Unanimously approved.

Irby/Finance Committee Report

Ms. Breitmeyer gave the report, which included the following recommendations to the LSM Board.

Residential rental rates

The Irby/Finance Committee recommends that the LSM Board adopt an across the board 10% residential rate increase to go into effect July 1, 2017 not to exceed \$2.38/sf on the 3rd floor and \$2.60/sf on the 2nd floor. In addition, common area maintenance (CAM) fees and balcony charges will be added on.

Dr. Powell asked for public comment. The following tenants spoke to oppose the recommendation:

Ms. Marianne Lewis, (commercial?) tenant at Jackie's and Voilet's.

Ira Middleberg, tenant at 541 St. Ann Street.

Ms. Bagneris called for the question. **Unanimously approved.**

Irby/Finance Committee Chair Breitmeyer MOVED that the LSM Board adopt the Irby/Finance Committee's recommendation to impose a 10% across the board residential rent increase not to exceed \$2.38/sf for 3rd floor and \$2.60/sf for 2nd floor, in addition to CAM and balcony charges, to go into effect July 1, 2017. **9 Board members voted in favor, and 8 against. The motion passed.**

Pet policy - residential

The current PPM reads that "pets of any type in the Leased Premises are expressly prohibited." One of the new residential tenants asked that the Committee review the current pet policy.

Irby/Finance Committee Chair Breitmeyer MOVED that the LSM Board adopt the Irby/Finance Committee's recommendation not to change the existing pet policy. **Unanimously approved.**

Renewal of David Dalia's retainer contract as Board counsel

David Dalia's current contract has expired and the Committee would like to renew it.

Dr. Powell MOVED to put Mr. Dalia on retainer as Board counsel at a rate of \$125/hour, capped at \$30,000 annually. Seconded by Ms. Ewing, the motion was **unanimously approved.**

Support organization reports

LMF report

Ms. Maclay read the report, which is attached.

FOC report

Ms. Burke read the report, which is attached.

New business

Dr. Powell appointed Sharon Gahagan to Architectural Preservation Committee (APC).

Interim Director's report

Tim Chester read his Interim Director's report, which is attached.

Mr. Hardin MOVED, seconded by Ms. Ewing, to adjourn. **Unanimously approved.**