

Louisiana Historical Records Advisory Board

MINUTES

November 2, 2023 | 2:00pm | Louisiana State Archives Admin Conference Room

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm
- II. **Roll Call**
 - Present: Catherine Newsome, Angelique Bergeron, Dr. Edward Benoit, Debbie Hudnall, Meg Placke, *Virtual: Dr. Emilie “Lee” Leumas, , Zach Stein*
 - Not Present: Nancy Landry, Michelle Riggs, Cheylon Woods, John Gallagher, Riley Berthelot, Freddi Evans
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. The board approved the minutes from the meeting held on August 17, 2023. On motion of Dr. Lee Leumas, seconded by Angelique Bergeron the board approved the minutes. **Motion Passed**
- IV. **Order of Business**
 - a. **New Board Member** – the Board welcomed Meg Placke from the State Library of Louisiana.
 - b. **Discussion of Appointments** – board members appointed by the Secretary of State have terms concurrent with the Secretary of State that term will end in January. This will effect Zachary Stein, Dr. Emilie Leumas, Dr. Edward Benoit, Angelique Bergeron and SOS appointees. Board members that are statutorily included on the board automatically renew. Catherine will send the appointee renewal paperwork to the aforementioned Board members, as their appointments require Senate Confirmation.
 - c. **Future meetings** - The Board discussed 2024 meeting dates. There will be no February meeting due the transition of the Secretary of State. The Board will convene on May 23, August 22 and November 14.
 - d. **Projects/Programs**
 - i. Veterans Day cooperative with the Department of Veterans Affairs at the Shaw Center, November 8
 - ii. Catherine shared the America 250 commission is in still pre-planning stage. Dr. Lee Leumas noted during the Revolutionary War the Acadians had been pushed to Manchac to fight the British in Galvez town and could be included in the celebration. The Archdiocese holds some of the records.
 - iii. The Supreme Court of La. Historical Society has formed a committee to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the 1825 Civil Code.
 - iv. Dr. Edward Benoit’s Climate Change project released date sets to all libraries in the U.S. It can be located in the Scholarly repository on LSU’s website. May 21 – 25, 2025 there will be an institute to collaborate research with how climate change intersects with cultural heritage.
 - v. Angelique Bergeron reported that on December 11th there will be an American Alliance of stakeholders site visit and luncheon. She also reported that Jason Manola is the new Parish President and will replace Riley Berthelot in January.
 - vi. Meg Placke conveyed that the 75th Anniversary of the La. Depository Program is coming up. There will also be a celebration for the 100th Anniversary of the State Library of Louisiana and the Louisiana Library Association.

V. Adjournment

On motion of Angelique Bergeron, and seconded by Debbie Hudnall, the Board voted to adjourn at 1:46 pm. **Motion Passed.**



Catherine J Newsome, Chairman



Date