

Louisiana Historical Records Advisory Board

MINUTES

November 13, 2025 | 2:00pm | Louisiana State Archives Gallery

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

II. Roll Call

Present: Christina Bryant, Angelique Bergeron, Debbie Hudnall, Melanie Montanaro, Amy Moran, Catherine Newsome, Zack Stein, Zach Tompkins, and Jennifer Waxman

Not Present: Gail Wilking, Debbie Henton, Meg Placke, Dr. Ed Benoit, and Ann Boltin

Others Present: Ashley D. Simmons

III. Order of Business

1. **Approval of Agenda** - On motion of Angelique Bergeron and seconded by Debbie Hudnall, the board approved the agenda. **Motion Passed.**
2. **Approval of Minutes** – On motion of Angelique Bergeron, seconded by Zach Tompkins the board approved the minutes. **Motion Passed.**
3. **Bylaws Review**
 - a. Amy Moran presented the most recent draft of the Bylaws and asked the board if there were any changes. Angelique Bergeron noted a grammatical inconsistency with some words in caps. However, the Board agreed that the content was ready to be finalized and did not require a final reading.

On a motion by Angelique Bergeron, seconded by Amy Moran, the board approved waiving the final reading and approving the bylaws as written, with a minor change to correct the inconsistency in letter case. **Motion Passed.**
4. **Strategic Plan**
 - a. Amy Moran presented the Board with a first draft of the new 5-year Strategic Plan and did an open line-by-line reading for the Board. Several members of the Board offered clarifications and suggested terminology and substitutions. A discussion of the term “cultural heritage” was held to determine context and viability. Several action items were debated both on scope and feasibility. The reading was completed, and Ms. Moran stated she would make the discussed changes and bring a new draft back to the board at the next meeting.
5. **Federal Funding Open Discussion**
 - a. Jennifer Waxman reported that the National Heritage Fund has no money and recently started a GoFundMe page.
 - b. CLEAR is still posting grants.
 - c. FAIC is still funded.
 - d. Christina Bryant noted that the Carnegie Foundation is giving \$10,000 to its Carnegie Libraries in honor of the American 250.

e. Zach Tompkins reported that LEH is still funding Emergency Readiness grants.

6. Items for Discussion

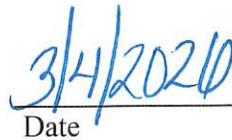
- a. Angelique Bergeron noted the French Book Fest is currently being held on November 13th and 14th at the West Baton Rouge Museum.
- b. Ms. Simmons asked the Board to choose their next meeting date for 2026. They agreed that next meeting should be held on March 4th at 2 pm.

IV. Adjournment

On motion of Angelique Bergeron, and seconded by Jennifer Waxman, the Board voted to adjourn at 3:23 pm. **Motion passed.**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2026, at 2:00 pm.


Catherine Newsome, Chairman


Date