

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum
Monday, November 4, 2019
12:30 p.m. – Old U.S. Mint
New Orleans, LA

Members Present: Kim Abramson, Madlyn Bagneris, Mary Coulon, Rosemary Upshaw Ewing, Lee Felterman, George Hero, Ann Irwin, Fairleigh Jackson, Kevin Kelly, Aleta Leckelt, Anne Redd, Larry Schmidt, Melissa Steiner, William Wilton

Members Absent: Sharon Gahagan, Holly Haag, Christen Losey-Gregg, Vicki Riser, and Suzie Terrell

Also Present: Jason Strada, Anise Fiello, Veronica Gonzales, Gail Lord, Ruth Burke, Bill Sherman

LSM Staff Present: Yvonne Mack, Steven Maklansky and Bridgette Thibodeaux

A quorum was present.

Anne Redd called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Rosemary Ewing made a motion to amend the agenda to reorder the Board motion/action items to be heard first, prior to any reports. Madlyn Bagneris seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Rosemary Ewing made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Melissa Steiner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Aleta Leckelt made a motion to adopt the minutes from the Louisiana State Museum Board of Directors Meeting held September 16, 2019. Fairleigh Jackson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Board Action Items

Irby Committee: Will Wilton presented the Irby/Finance Committee report. Kevin Kelly made a motion to approve each of the four new tenants proposed by the Irby/Finance Committee as:

1. Approval of Kline Perrin, Jr. as new tenant in 519 St. Ann, 2nd floor.
2. Approval for tenant in 519 St. Ann, 2nd floor to upgrade/make repairs.
3. Approval for tenant in 806 Chartres, 2nd floor of Lisa Arnoult.
4. Approval of William Lazaro, Jr. for 511 St. Ann, 2nd floor.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Collections Committee: Fairleigh Jackson presented the Collections Committee report and discussed the following areas (see Attachment A)

1. Accessions (Science & Technology and Music collections)
2. Deaccessions
3. Incoming loans for upcoming/current exhibitions
4. Outgoing loans
5. Incoming loan extension for Napoleon painting

Ms. Jackson discussed that consideration of incoming loans for exhibitions should be made by the Director, in lieu of the committee, in order to facilitate approval of the loans in a timely manner and because statutory language does not require board approval of these items. The Collections Committee would like to propose changing the Collections Manual Policy on incoming loans to reflect this. See Attachment B. Lee Felterman made the motion to approve the change to the Collections Manual. Aleta Leckelt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Madlyn Bagneris made a motion to approve the accessions, deaccessions and loans as presented. Rosemary Ewing seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Interim Director's Report: Steven Maklansky presented an update report to the Board about upcoming exhibitions, events and deaccessioning. He also discussed the recent workshop with the Civil Rights Museum and Madlyn Bagneris provided additional information regarding locating a future facility for this museum.

Governance Study Update by Lord Cultural Resources: Gail Lord and Veronica Gonzales presented an update on the Governance Study and next steps. They presented a summary report on the Key Findings of their organization. A request for an update on the study at the next board meeting was made.

Report from Friends groups and Foundations –

- *Report from Louisiana Museum Foundation* – Gala invitations were distributed for the November 22nd event. LMF is also working on a trip to France to visit the Pontalbas.
- *Report from Friends of the Cabildo* – Jason Strada discussed the upcoming FOC symposium, which is set to be held December 6th and 7th and includes numerous sessions.

- *Report from Civil Rights Museum* – Madlyn Bagneris gave the report, including a discussion about the 501c3 that supports the organization and additional information about the search for a facility for the museum.
- *Report from Friends of E D White* - Aleta Leckelt presented the report for E D White. She discussed the November 14th Christmas party and a plan for a movie night event at that museum.

Old Business – A reminder that the next board meeting will be January 6th in Baton Rouge.

New Business – There was no new business discussed.

Adjournment - Melissa Steiner made a motion to adjourn at 2:12 p.m. Madlyn Bagneris seconded the motion and it was **unanimously approved**.