

**LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – 10:00 AM, CT
Green Room, Old U.S. Mint**

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Florence Jumonville (Chair), Tiffany Adler, Mary Coulon, Suzanne Perlis, Wendy Lodrig, (ex officio)

Members Absent: Courtney Kiel LeBlanc Suzanne Terrell, Ruth Burke

Additional Board Members: None

Advisors Present: Tamra Carboni

Advisors Absent: Anne Redd, Ann Williams

LSM Staff Present: Rebecca Mackie, Patrick Burns, Erin Patterson, Sarah-Elizabeth Gundlach, Wayne Phillips, David Kunian, Claudia Kheel, Jenny Campbell, Bryanne Schexnayder, Andrew Aranda, Tom Strider (recording)

Guests: No guests were present

A quorum was present.

Call to Order

Florence Jumonville called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Collections Committee Action Items

Minutes from the meeting on January 16, 2025

A motion was made by Suzanne Perlis to approve the minutes.
Seconded by Mary Coulon, a vote to approve was unanimous.

Proposed Acquisitions

Gifts for the Permanent Collection:

20 gifts were introduced for Carnival, Costumes & Textiles, Maps & Manuscripts, Music, Science & Technology, Visual Arts collections.

A few high points are presented here. Wayne Phillips Described several Carnival items including an array of jewelry, costumes, and photographs gifted by Mrs. Michael Bright White from the Krewes of Osiris, Mithras, and Comas.

Phillips also highlighted a 1950s era sign from the Club My-O-My being gifted by the Friends of the Cabildo.

David Kunian introduced recordings by Louis Prima, a washboard used by Washboard Lissa Driscoll, and photographs from the Jazz Funeral of Harold Duke Dejan.

Claudia Kheel presented a daguerreotype posthumous portrait of Rose Emilie Sigur.

Gift for the Study Collection:

A single acquisition of a digital copy photograph of Ella Levert, Queen of the Krewe of Proteus is to be added to the Carnival Collection.

A motion to approve acquisitions was made by Suzanne Perlis.

Seconded by Mary Coulon, the Committee unanimously recommended the acquisitions be sent to the full Board for approval.

Proposed Deaccession of Objects from Permanent Collection

62 items from Decorative Arts, Music, Science & Technology, and Visual Arts were presented by David Kunian and Claudia Kheel for sale at auction.

Among Kunian's objects are a group of radio transcription recordings made by the US Army. Tiffany Adler suggested offering the (17) records to the WWII museum.

A motion to approve the 62 items was made by Suzanne Perlis.

Seconded by Mary Coulon, the Committee recommended the deaccessions be sent to the Board for approval.

Outgoing Loans and Outgoing Loan Renewals

David Kunian described 5 objects related to Clifton Chenier proposed for display at the N.O. Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation.

Tom Strider described the proposed renewal of 4 loans to the Jackson Barracks Military Museum. Items are primarily military artifacts, including an 1860 cannon and a Hotchkiss revolving cannon limber, as well as 5 Hurricane Katrina-related objects.

A motion to recommend approval was made by Suzanne Perlis.

It was seconded by Mary Coulon.

A vote to approve was unanimous.

Conservation

Wayne Phillips presented two early 19th-century silk dresses for treatment by Jessica Hack Textile Restoration. The garments are scheduled for inclusion in the upcoming Lafayette exhibition.

A motion to recommend approval was made by Suzanne Perlis.

It was seconded by Mary Coulon.

A vote to approve was unanimous.

The Committee was notified of damage (puncture) to a portrait, *Governor Pierre LeMoyne, Sieur d'Iberville et d'Ardillieres*, currently on display in the Governor's Press Room at the Capitol. The painting was patched on site by Hudson Salah Conservation.

Incoming Loans

Members were notified of 8 incoming loans for three exhibitions: *Portraying the Past: Perspectives on American Indian Mounds in Louisiana* (Capitol Park), *Bienvenu à Général Lafayette* (Cabildo), and *Economy Hall: The Hidden History of a Free Black Brotherhood* (Mint).

Incoming Loan Renewals

Capitol Park has renewed 4 loans currently on long-term display. Lenders include the Louisiana Division of Archaeology, Port of Greater Baton Rouge, Office of State Parks, and New Orleans Fire Department Museum.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Erin Patterson presented a copy of an updated Collections Management Policy with relevant forms. She suggested that the Committee revisit and update the Collecting Policy that is included in the larger document. She will send a PDF copy to members.

Tom Strider proposed raising the limit of conservation treatment that may be approved by the Director above the current amount of \$1,000.00. A discussion will be added to the May meeting agenda.

Adjournment

A motion to end the meeting was made by Suzanne Perlis.

The motion was seconded by Mary Coulon.

With a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.