

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM (LSM)  
NEW ORLEANS JAZZ MUSEUM AT THE OLD U.S. MINT  
400 ESPLANADE AVENUE  
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025  
11:30 AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jay Batt, Karl Connor, Florence Jumonville, Wendy Lodrig, Sandy Shilstone.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mary Coulon, Malcolm Hodnett, Suzie Terrell.

**LSM STAFF PRESENT:** Rebecca Mackie, Jeff Anding, Andrew Aranda, Anise Fiello.

1. **Call to Order** – Wendy Lodrig called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda** – Karl Connor called motioned to adopt the agenda. Jay Batt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Adoption of Minutes from the October 21, 2024, and December 19, 2024 meetings** – Florence Jumonville called for a motion to accept the minutes. Karl Connor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Chairman's Report**

**Nominating Committee** – Wendy Lodrig stated that the Nominating Committee would be presenting Darryl Gissell to the LSM Board as the sole nominee for the Irby Finance Treasurer Position.

**New Board Appointments Updates** – Wendy Lodrig and Thelma French were reappointed to second terms by the Lieutenant Governor. Kaitlyn Palmer, representing Wedell-Williams Foundation, was appointed to her first term, replacing Lloyd Bourgeois. R. Duncan Brown, representing Friends of the Cabildo, was appointed to his first term, replacing Ruth Burke. Nick Mueller (At-Large) was appointed to his first term, replacing Emily Stine. There was a brief discussion about the lack of an orientation for new board members, so Becky Mackie agreed to provide one at the next LSM Board meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Anise Fiello was introduced as the new Director of Development.

**5. Director's Report**

**Museum Updates** – Becky Mackie stated that the Bienvenue Lafayette! Exhibit will open on April 9<sup>th</sup> with a ticketed gala hosted by the Louisiana Chapter of the American Friends of Lafayette. There will also be the dedication of a plaque that the Spirit of 76 Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution are donating to the Cabildo for Lafayette. The exhibit will run through January 2026. On Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, during French Quarter Fest, Colonial Williamsburg's reenactor will deliver the same speech that General Lafayette gave on the New Orleans & Company Stage in Jackson Square. Lafayette gave this speech in 1825 in the Place d'Armes when he visited New Orleans.

Becky spoke about the repairs from a small fire at the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame that are near completion. In the Jazz Museum, the Performance Center was reopened following major updates and renovations. The Wedell-Williams metal roof repairs are being assessed. The roof

## **7. Collections Committee**

Florence Jumonville reported on the Collections Committee meeting of March 11. Proposed accessions include: 1975 Queen of Carnival portrait, Mardi Gras items (gowns, costumes, photos, ephemera), Children's Carnival Club materials (1935-2018), Cypress Sawmill Festival queen's crown from 1990, My Oh My club sign from circa 1950 that survived club fire. 40 items were proposed for deaccessioning, primarily photographs of locations not associated with Louisiana. **Sandy Shilstone motioned to approved the Collections Committee accessions and deaccessions. Karl Connor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **8. Louisiana Civil Rights Board**


Karl Connor spoke about the delegation from Côte d'Ivoire visit to the LA Civil Rights Museum on February 13th, connecting museum with two museums on Ivory Coast. The podcast with NFL player Nate Boyer was completed and will be published soon. The next LACRM Board Meeting is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>. Advisory Board Chair Brenda Williams resigned.

## **9. Old Business – None.**

## **10. New Business – None.**

## **11. Adjourn – Karl Connor motioned to adjourn. Jay Batt Seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.**

## **Minutes Accepted**

  
Sandy Shilstone, Secretary