

# Advisory Board of the Louisiana State Archives

## MINUTES

August 22, 2024 | 1:00pm | Louisiana State Archives Admin Conference Room

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**I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm

**II. Roll Call**

Present: Catherine Newsome, Faye Phillips, Doug Harrison, Ann Boltin, Melanie Montanaro, Amanda Gross-Thies, and Ashley D. Simmons

Not Present: Brandon Abadie, Amy Louviere, and Dr. Robert René

**III. Order of Business**

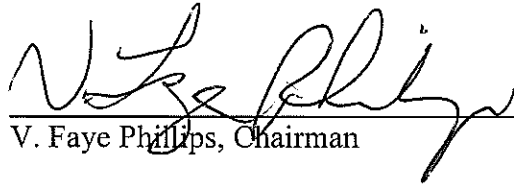
1. Ms. Faye Phillips volunteered to continue as Chairman of the Board until the full Board could convene to choose a new Chairman. **No motion called.**
2. Ms. Amanda Gros-Thies was introduced as the newest member of the Board. She currently serves as the WBR Clerk of Court. Each member then introduced himself or herself and welcomed her to the Board.
3. **Approval of Minutes** - The board approved the minutes from the meeting held on August 17, 2023. On motion of Ann Boltin, seconded by Doug Harrison the board approved the minutes. **Motion Passed**
4. Update from the Louisiana State Archives – Melanie Montanaro
  - a. The COSA Conference and SARC Conference will be each take place in September. Ms. Montanaro and staff will attend both conferences.
  - b. The Archives Open House will be open to the Public on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> with tours at 10 am and 2 pm.
  - c. Early voting begins October 18 and ends October 29th.
  - d. Archives audiovisual staff are working with La. Public Broadcasting to upgrade their website, the Louisiana Digital Media Archive (LDMA).
5. Update from Friends of the Louisiana State Archives – There are new representatives for the FLSA, Amy Louviere, and Dr. Robert René. Neither were in attendance.
  - a. Ms. Simmons informed the Board that the fourth Annual Spring Gala, sponsored by the Friends, will be held Saturday, April 5, 2025. The theme will complement the 2025 Exhibit of the Baton Rouge Art League Collection. The Gala will be titled: An Affair of the Art; a Red Stick Retrospective.
6. **Future Meetings** -The Board discussed future meeting dates. The Board will convene on November 12, 2024, February 13, 2025, May 8, 2025, August 28, 2025 and November 13, 2025
7. **Other Programs/Discussion**
  - a. Ms. Phillips updated the Board on the America 250 Commission. The Commission is chaired by Mike Bayham. To date, the they have created a Special License plate commemorating the event and created a website.

- b. Ann Boltin reported the ArchDiocese was working on a collection of Slave records from all of the Dioceses in the State.
- c. Amanda Gross-Thies reported that succession paperwork was found on Marie Laveau's husband and they were working to preserve it.

**IV. Adjournment**

On motion of Melanie Montanaro, and seconded by Doug Harrison, the Board voted to adjourn at 1:53 pm. **Motion passed.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2024 at 1:00pm.**

  
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V. Faye Phillips, Chairman

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Date NOV 12, 2024