

# Advisory Board of the Louisiana State Archives

## MINUTES

November 12, 2024 | 1:00pm | Louisiana State Archives Admin Conference Room

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I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm

II. **Roll Call**

Present: Catherine Newsome, Faye Phillips, Ann Boltin, Melanie Montanaro, Ashley D. Simmons, Amy Louviere, and Dr. Robert René

Not Present: Brandon Abadie, Amanda Gross-Thies, Doug Harrison

III. **Order of Business**

1. **Amendment of Agenda** - Ms. Faye Philips requested the agenda be amended to select a permanent Chairman of the Board. On motion by Melanie Montanaro and seconded by Catherine Newsome the Board approved to add selection of a permanent Chairman to the agenda. **Motion Passed.**
2. **Approval of Agenda** - On motion of Melanie Montanaro and seconded by Amy Moran, the board approved the agenda as amended. **Motion Passed.**
3. Ms. Faye Phillips nominated Ann Boltin as permanent Chairman of the Board. On motion of Faye Phillips and seconded by Amy Moran, the board approved Ann Boltin as Chairman. **Motion Passed.**
4. **Approval of Minutes** – Chairman Ann Boltin requested the August 22, 2024 minutes be amended to strike “archdiocese” and replaced with “diocese”. On motion of Melanie Montanaro, seconded by Faye Phillips the board approved the minutes as amended. **Motion Passed**
5. Update from the Louisiana State Archives – Melanie Montanaro
  - a. Early voting was very successful; we served around 31,000 eligible voters.
  - b. The Archives Open House had a larger turnout than previous years.
  - c. There is a new Gala title: The Hidden Archives, Collections Revealed.
  - d. The 2025 exhibits will include the Baton Rouge Art League’s collection and a series of Artist who spent time in mental health facilities.
  - e. The Archives is going to hire a full-time security person.
  - f. The SARC and COSA conferences were very educational. A number of Administrative and Supervisory staff participated.
6. Update from Friends of the Louisiana State Archives –
  - a. Ms. Simmons reminded the Board that the fourth Annual Spring Gala, sponsored by the Friends, will be held Saturday, April 5, 2025.
7. **Other Programs/Discussion**
  - a. Ann Boltin reported that the Diocese Open House was also very successful and she was pleased that a large number of Archives staff had attended.
  - b. Ms. Montanaro updated the Board on the America 250 Commission. They approved to hire a person to manage the website. Ms. Phillips reported that the Cabildo will have an exhibit


focusing on Galvez and the Marquis de Lafayette. They will also recreate Lafayette's famous speech from the Cabildo.

- c. Ann Boltin reported the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery is celebrating 200 years in 2025 and are preparing several events for the public.

#### IV. Adjournment

On motion of Melanie Montanaro, and seconded by Faye Phillips, the Board voted to adjourn at 1:52 pm. **Motion passed.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2024 at 1:00pm.**

	<u>Feb. 13, 2024</u>
Ann Boltin, Chairman	Date