

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
Executive Committee of the Louisiana State Museum Board
New Orleans Jazz Museum
Monday, December 5, 2022
10:30 A.M.**

Members Present: Madlyn Bagneris, Ruth Burke, Malcolm Hodnett, Wendy Lodrig and Suzie Terrell

Members Absent: Jay Batt and Melissa Steiner

LSM Staff Present: Susan Maclay, Angelena Jones, Dariane Lewis, Damond Francois and Michael McKnight

A quorum was present.

I. **Call to Order:** Suzie Terrell called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

II. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Madlyn Bagneris made a motion to adopt the agenda with one change of adding the Interim Director's report to the agenda. Malcolm Hodnett seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

III. **Adoption of the Minutes from the Thursday, October 20, 2022 Meeting:** Wendy Lodrig made a motion to adopt the minutes with one change: Irby Financials – Irby approved \$13,700 to be used to update the vacant apartments. Malcolm Hodnett seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

IV. **Director's Report:** Susan Maclay reported the French Consulate contacted her about French President Macron's visit to New Orleans and that the Consulate wanted to tour the Cabildo as a possible location for a signing ceremony with Macron and Governor Edwards; however, no suitable room could be found. Mrs. Maclay noted the Sala Capitular would have been the logical place, but it was reinterpreted for the Battle of New Orleans exhibit in 2015. The LSM was instead asked to host a luncheon for Mrs. Macron and 150 guests primarily for the French delegation. Susan Maclay then reported the Economic Development grant that the New Orleans Jazz Museum has been awarded is for outside improvements on the Barrack St. side. She also reported the 1850 House has been the same since 1948 and that it is long overdue to be reinterpreted and that she would like to see it become the Museum of the Baroness de Pontalba. The next exhibit in the Cabildo that will replace Creole New Orleans Honey! will be a retrospective on Hunt Slonem, which Louisiana Museum Foundation will open at its next Founders Ball in November, 2023. Finally, Susan Maclay reported that the Study Tour to France that was planned and had to be postponed due to COVID is back on track for possibly the end of 2023.

V. **Chairman's Report:** Suzie Terrell reported that the Chairman of the Board sits as an ex-officio member on all committees, unless bylaws say otherwise. She recommended that the bylaws be changed to say that the Chairman could be counted toward a quorum only if needed to make quorum. Suzie Terrell also suggested changing the board meeting time back to 12 noon. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that this question should be presented to the full board. Mrs. Terrell then mentioned that

she has a couple of advisors she would like to suggest for the Collections Committee. Wendy Lodrig mentioned that she would like to add an advisor to her Financial Committee.

VI. Architectural Committee: Malcolm Hodnett presented an update on Madame Johns Legacy. He stated that a letter from the Architect who is over the repairs at Madame John's was submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and that the SHPO only gave consent to two of the items in the letter. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Madlyn Bagneris to move forward with items approved by SHPO. Wendy Lodrig seconded and passed unanimously

VII. Irby/Finance Committee Report:

- a. **Update on 507 St. Ann Street** – commercial application was received but then removed after inquiries. Wendy Lodrig motioned to create a new timeline for Apt. 507. Ruth Burke seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Update on 511 St. Ann Street – Tenant notification** – Tenant complained about noise, wanted a reduction on rent and was refused, so they gave noticed and will be moving out on November 27, 2022.
- c. **Update on CEA RE: Irby Apartment** – The proposed CEA is between the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the Louisiana State Museum board in an effort to correct an audit finding.
- d. **Update on EDA matching grant to Jazz Museum** – Wendy Lodrig reported the amount required for the match for the EDA grant is \$181,000.

IX. Old Business: There was no old business

X. New Business – Ruth Burke reported that the governance Committee will meet on January 10, 2023 to vote on several issues.

XI. Adjourn: Madlyn Bagneris motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ruth Burke seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.