

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM BOARD
New Orleans Jazz Museum at the Old U.S. Mint
400 Esplanade, New Orleans, LA
Tuesday, May 2, 2023
12:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Malcolm Hodnett, Wendy Lodrig, Sandy Shilstone and Suzie Terrell

Members Absent: Jay Batt, Madlyn Bagneris, and Ruth Burke

LSM Staff Present: Angelena Jones, Yvonne Mack, Susan Maclay and Michael McKnight and Angela Thibodeaux

A quorum was present.

- I. **Call to Order** – Suzie Terrell called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.
- II. **Adoption of the Agenda** – Wendy Lodrig motioned to adopt the agenda with changes.
 - Item VIII 1a. Columns on the Square name change DBA as Fives
 - 1b. Tabasco DBA name change
 - 1c. NOLA Cool, 808 Chartres, early termination lease

Sandy Shilstone seconded the motion to adopt the agenda with the changes as noted by Wendy Lodrig and the motion was unanimously approved.
- III. **Adoption of the Minutes from the December 5, 2022, January 17, 2023 and March 2, 2023 meetings not previously approved due to lack of quorums.**

Sandy Shilstone made a motion to adopt the minutes from the December 5, 2022, January 17, 2023 and March 2, 2023 Executive Committee meetings. Wendy Lodrig seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

- IV. **Chairman's Report** – Suzie Terrell gave the following report:
 - a. **Mary Coulon** – Suzie Terrell reported that Mary Coulon is returning to the Board and will be sworn in at the next Board meeting on May 15.
 - b. **New Committee Assignments** – Mary Coulon will be on the Collections Committee and is interested in the Hunt Slonem exhibit that will open this year. She will be working with the staff, the Foundation and guest curator. Suzanne Perlis will be retiring from her teaching job in June and would like to remain on the Collections Committee, as she will now be able to attend meetings. Ken Pickering asked to be removed from the Governance Committee.
 - c. **Legislative Issues** – Suzie Terrell provided an update on the Legislative session.
 - d. **Irby Trust Letter** – Suzie Terrell reported that the letter was signed.
 - e. **Accreditation 2024** – Suzie Terrell reported that the Museum's reaccreditation would be due in 2025, and that a self-study had to be done in 2024.
 - f. **Request of Loan from Senator Kennedy** – Suzie Terrell reported that Senator Kennedy had requested the loan of several paintings from the LSM's Collection for display in his office in

Washington. After pointing out the Museum's loan policy and other issues, the Senator has withdrawn his request.

V. Interim Directors Report – Susan Maclay noted that as she had been out of the country for the past two weeks, her report would be brief. She reported that while she was out, Captain Randy Fernandez of the State Museum police ran a detail with private duty officers during the evening for two weeks to try and keep the Lower Pontalba and the front of the Presbytère and Cabildo clear. The details were a success and will hopefully keep the areas cleared for a while, though we expect that eventually it won't last and we will have to run the details again, but for now the Lower Pontalba tenants were very pleased. She also reported that earlier in April she had attended the budget hearings at the State Senate Finance Committee meeting and at the House Appropriations Committee meeting, where the Museum's budget request was made along with the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's budget and all of the other divisions within DCRT.

VI. Governance Committee – Ruth Burke was absent so no report was given.

VII. Architectural Preservation Committee

a. Update Status on Madame John's Legacy –

Susan Maclay reported that the Architecture Preservation Committee met on April 11, 2023. Three options were presented on how to proceed with the work at Madame John's Legacy. The result was the committee voted to go with option #2, which would fundamentally keep the Federal-era features of the building intact, except for rebuilding the chimney, which was in too bad of shape to rebuild, and to repair and restore the building in its current configuration, except rather than reconstruct the exterior wall, the piers would be rebuilt contingent on the outcome of an archeology report.

VIII. Irby/Finance Committee

1. Commercial Tenants

- a. Columns on the Square name change DBA Fives – **Wendy Lodrig made a motion to allow Columns on the Square to do business as the Fives. Motion was seconded by Suzie Terrell and the motion passed unanimously.**
- b. Tabasco DBA name change - Wendy Lodrig asked for a motion to allow Tabasco to do business as C'est Bon. **Suzie Terrell motioned to approve the name change from Tabasco Country Store to C'est Bon New Orleans Gifts, Food, Culture. Sandy Shilstone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**
- c. NOLA Cool, 808 Chartres, early termination lease – **this was tabled for a later date.**

2. Residential Tenants - Wendy Lodrig mentioned that staff should always notify residents with dates and times in advance when two maintenance staff will be entering to change air filters.

3. Vacant Residential Apartments - On April 12 there was a walkthrough of the vacant apartments with the principal and designer from Trapolin-Peer Architects and several board members and LSM staff.

4. Irby Financials

- a. Budget vs YTD Financials** - Wendy Lodrig explained at this time the budget will be tabled for now.
- b. Use of Irby Funds** – It was reported that there are needs for property management but a decision on how funds are to be used has not been developed.
- c. Proposed Irby Budget 2023-2024** -It was reported that currently that are eight vacancies in the residential units.
- d. Motion to open CD at Hancock Whitney** – Wendy Lodrig explained that the Irby Committee had recommended for approval the opening of a CD for \$1M. After discussion, it was moved by Sandy Shilstone, seconded by Malcolm Hodnett and unanimously approved to open a 90-day CD for \$3M at Hancock Whitney.

IX. Collections – No report

X. Old Business – There was no old business at this time.

XI. New Business -There was no new business at this time.

XII. Adjourn - Wendy Lodrig moved, Sandy Shilstone seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 p.m.