

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Monday, January 9, 2017  
12:30 PM – The Old U.S. Mint  
New Orleans, Louisiana**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum was called to order by Dr. Lawrence N. Powell at 12:30 PM at the Old U.S. Mint in New Orleans. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Madlyn B. Bagneris; Julie F. Breitmeyer; Rennie Buras II; Tamra Carboni; Mary C. Coulon; D. Lee Felterman; Janet V. Haedicke; Harry S. Hardin, III; George A. Hero, III; Fairleigh Cook Jackson; Kevin Kelly; Carolyn K. Morris; Lawrence N. Powell; Anne F. Redd; Lana Sonnier Venable; Gary N. Wheat; and William Wilton

Members Absent: Rosemary Upshaw Ewing; Sharon Turcan Gahagan; Aleta Leckelt; and Melissa D. Steiner

Also Present: Ruth Burke, President of the Friends of the Cabildo

LSM Staff Present: Timothy J. Chester; Yvette Cuccia; Cassandra Erb; Melvin Gilbert; Greg Lambousy; Karen Leathem; Marvin McGraw; Yvonne Mack; William Stark; Faith Troxler; and Celestine Washington

**Call to Order**

The LSM Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Dr. Powell.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Dr. Powell requested that item #5 be removed from the agenda and it will be discussed at the next board meeting. Ms. Carboni MOVED, seconded by Ms. Redd, to adopt the agenda with #5 omitted. **Unanimously approved.**

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the November 14, 2016 meeting were distributed in advance for the Board's review. Dr. Haedicke MOVED, seconded by Mr. Hardin, to approve the November 14, 2016 LSM Board minutes. **Unanimously approved.**

### **Interim Director's report**

Interim Director Tim Chester gave a report to the Board. It is attached.

### **Irby/Finance Committee report**

Ms. Breitmeyer said there was an Irby/Finance Committee meeting to update everyone on the Lower Pontalba commercial courtyard spaces. Several Board members toured the courtyards to assess their condition and usage. The issue is whether or not to charge a new commercial tenant in 2018 for the courtyard space. The issue will be revisited in 2018 when commercial leases are up for renewal.

### **Collections Committee report**

Ms. Carboni said the report was sent out in advance. Also sent out to the Board are proposed amendments to the Accessions, Deaccessions and loan policy in Title 25. Mr. Buras has been working on some operating changes regarding fees, rentals, and school groups as well. Both the Collections Committee report and proposed changes to Title 25 are attached.

The Committee voted to rescind its policy of allowing original art to be hung in statewide officials' office spaces. (This restriction doesn't apply to public areas customarily considered extensions of museum space, such as the Governor' Mansion.) The staff will replace them with reproductions instead. The state office which requests reproductions would pay for such reproductions and it will then become their property.

Ms. Carboni MOTIONED to accept the Collections Committee report and proposed changes to Title 25 regarding collections. **Unanimously approved.**

### **Public Comment**

No public comment.

Board meeting adjourned.