

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum  
Monday, March 8, 2021  
12:30 pm  
Video Conference via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Kim Abramson, Madlyn Bagneris, Mary Coulon, Ann Irwin, Fairleigh Jackson, Florence Jumonville, Kevin Kelly, Christen Losey-Gregg, Ken Pickering, Anne Redd, Larry Schmidt, Melissa Steiner, Suzanne Terrell, Christopher Tidmore, and Will Wilton

**Members Absent:** Julio Guichard, George A. Hero III, Suzanne Perlis

**LSM Staff Present:** Anna Cahill, Yvonne Mack, Greg Lambousy, Steven Maklansky, Polly Rolman-Smith, and Bridgette Thibodeaux

**Others Present:** Julia George Moore and Jason Strada

A quorum was present.

- I. Call to order**  
Anne Redd called the meeting to order at 12:39 pm.
- II. Adoption of the Agenda**  
Christopher Tidmore made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Christen Losey-Gregg seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- III. Adoption of Minutes from the Louisiana State Museum Board of Directors Meeting on December 21, 2020.**  
Will Wilton made a motion to adopt the Minutes from the meeting held December 20, 2020. Madlyn Bagneris seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- IV. Committee Reports and Board Action Items**
  - A. Executive Committee**
    - I. Minutes**
      - I. Will Wilton made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting held on January 27, 2021. Kim Abramson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
    - II. Update**
      - I. Anne Redd provided an update to the Board on the letter that was sent to the AG's office. Christen Losey-Gregg made the motion to ratify the motion made at the Committee Meeting which approved the letter. Christopher Tidmore seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
  - B. Irby/Finance Committee:**

I. Review of Current FY Budget:

I. Steven Maklansky provided an update to the Committee on the current Irby budget. There was a brief discussion regarding the current budget predictions. No motion was needed.

II. Commercial Tenant Rent Policy:

I. Anne Redd provided an update regarding commercial tenant rent payments for the coming months. After lengthy discussion, and input from several tenants, Kim Abramson made a motion to amend the commercial lease agreements to extend another two months:

A. From April 1, 2021 – May 31, 2021 the rental amount payable monthly by the Tenant shall include:

1. Base Rent:

a. 25% of the Monthly Minimum Rental as defined and provided in the original Lease Agreement shall be due and payable.

2. Percentage Rental:

a. The sum equal to eight percent (8%) of Tenant's monthly Gross Sales less the Base Rent (i.e. 25% of the Monthly Minimum Rent for the Leased Premises actually paid for the relevant month); provided, however, that in no event shall percentage rental calculated on a monthly basis be less than zero.

3. Common Area Maintenance: 100% of the amount calculated and announced as monthly CAM for FY 2020-2021.

4. Any additional monthly amounts described and/or provided for in the Lease Agreement (e.g. damages, attorney's fees, etc.) shall be due and payable.

5. The remainder of the total rental amount, as calculated per the original Lease Agreement, shall be deferred in accordance with Sections B through F. In no instances shall the total monthly rent amount as calculated and collected per this Section exceed the amount as would be calculated per the terms established in the original Lease Agreement.

B. Any amounts deferred in accordance with Section A shall be payable and due by July 1, 2021.

C. So long as the deferred amounts are paid by July 1, 2021, there shall be no late fees or penalties assessed or associated therewith.

D. If the Tenant does not remit the deferred amounts by or before July 1, 2021, late fees and/or penalties will be assessed per the terms of the original Lease Agreement.

E. The LSM Board reserves the right, through subsequent action by the LSM Board and execution of subsequent amendments to this Lease Agreement, to further defer rental payments, postpone the payment due dates, and/or abate any portion of the deferred rental amounts as provided herein.

F. In the event the LSM Board does not take subsequent action and/or there are no subsequent amendments to the Lease Agreement, the Tenant shall resume monthly rental payments in accordance with the terms of the original Lease Agreement with the amounts due for the month of July 2021.

Melissa Steiner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

C. Collections Action Items

Fairleigh Jackson reported on several items for proposed accessions for the permanent collection and demonstration collection, deaccessions from the permanent collection, conservation treatments, incoming loans and loan extensions. Will Wilton made a motion to adopt the full Collections Committee report. Kim Abramson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

D. Preservation Committee

Larry Schmidt provided a brief update to the progress being made on the renovation of Madame John's Legacy since the Preservation Committee meeting that took place on December 21, 2020.

**V. Interim Director's Report**

Steven Maklansky shared a brief presentation on upcoming exhibitions, collections updates, etc. Greg Lambousy also provided an update to the Board on exhibitions and events coming up for the New Orleans Jazz Museum at the Old U.S. Mint.

**VI. Friends/Foundation reports**

- I. Susan Maclay provided an update on the Louisiana Museum Foundation's upcoming Rex Gala. She also briefly discussed information about the audit.
- II. Jason Strada notified the Board that The Friends of the Cabildo has brought back tours. He also provided an update on upcoming exhibits coming to the Cabildo.

**VII. Old Business** – Madlyn Magneris notified the Board that they are still in the process of working on an Arsenal agreement for the Civil Rights Museum exhibit. Anne Redd briefly discussed the Lord Study update that had been sent to the Board.

**VIII. New Business** – There was no new business.

**IX. Adjournment** – Will Wilton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Kelly seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm.