

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
Governance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum
Monday, January 30, 2023
10:00 am**

Members Present: Ruth Burke, Madlyn Bagneris, Kenneth Pickering,
Christopher Tidmore, Florence Jumonville

Members Absent: Suzie Terrell and Thelma French

A quorum was present.

- I. Call to order**
Ruth Burke called the meeting to order at 10:09am.
- II. Adoption of Agenda**
Christopher Tidmore motioned to adopt the agenda. Mary Coulon seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- III. LORD Study – Three Region System**
A discussion of Lord Group’s recommendations for a 3-region system was held, together with a review of Lord’s implementation plan for the new system. Madlyn Bagneris mentioned she was against moving to a 3 region plan; which prompted a further discussion on the possibility of adjusting the existing system for the time being and tabling Lord’s recommendations until Secretary of State museums are annexed.
- IV. Potential Issues with Proposed System**
There was a brief discussion of possible issues arising with the proposed regional system, including: AAM accreditation, how to deal with the many small museums from Secretary of State which aren’t currently accredited, additional funding needed to administer a larger system (doubling in size from the current LSM system), collection management, IRBY, staffing, etc. to name a few.
- V. Existing System**
The committee remained undecided as to whether it’s in the best interest of the LSM to divide into 2 or 3 regions, particularly without additional details on exactly how a larger system would benefit the state museum system as a whole.
- VI. Adjournment** – Ruth Burke made a motion to adjourn. Christopher Tidmore seconded the motion and the committee adjourned.