

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
Governance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum  
Thursday, June 1, 2023  
10:00 am**

**Members Present:** Ruth Burke, Mary Coulon, Florence Jumonville, Sandy Shilstone, Christopher Tidmore

**Members Absent:** Suzie Terrell

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. Adoption of Minutes**

Florence Jumonville made a motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Christopher Tidmore seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**IV. Review of Questionnaire given to Lt. Governor regarding the new Governance**

There was a brief discussion of the questionnaire sent by the Committee to the Lieutenant Governor on March 9 and the addition of one item concerning the role of a Council of Governance which, according to the Lieutenant Governor, would meet once annually and oversee State funding.

**V. Discuss and begin drafting outline for a new, comprehensive strategic long-**

Ruth Burke discussed rescinding the resolution made during the LSM Board's January meeting that supported the concept of the Lieutenant Governor's general plan to add the Secretary of State museums to the existing LSM system and then divide into three regions with a new governance statute.

The Committee discussed keeping the current governance system in place until after the AAM reaccreditation process is completed. The Committee can then develop an interim strategic plan for the LSM Board to follow during the 2.5 year accreditation process.

**VI. Open Discussion and Comments**

Ruth Burke led the discussion regarding an outline the Committee should create to campaign for additional staffing and capital improvements, particularly for the five historic New Orleans buildings. It was mentioned that the Committee should try to appeal to legislators in the New Orleans area.

The Committee decided to begin working on a strategic plan outline for the LSM Board (a necessary component for AAM reaccreditation).

**VII. Establish Date for Next Meeting**

The next meeting was set for June 12, 2023 at the New Orleans Jazz Museum for 10:00am.

**VIII. Adjournment** – Ruth Burke made a motion to adjourn. Christopher Tidmore seconded the motion and the committee adjourned.