

**LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, July 1, 2025 – 10:00 AM, CT
Green Room, Old U.S. Mint**

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Florence Jumonville (Chair), Mary Coulon, Courtney Kiel LeBlanc, Wendy Lodrig, (ex officio).

Members Absent: Tiffany Adler, Suzanne Perlis.

Additional Board Members: No visiting Board members were present.

Advisors Present: Tamra Carboni.

Advisors Absent: Anne Redd, Ann Williams.

LSM Staff Present: Erin Patterson, Wayne Phillips, Claudia Kheel, Bryanne Schexnayder, Lisa Black, Tom Strider (recording).

Guests: Connor Benoit (intern).

A quorum was present.

Call to Order

Florence Jumonville called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

Collections Committee Action Items

Minutes from the meeting of May 6, 2025

A motion was made by Mary Coulon to approve the minutes.
Seconded by Wendy Lodrig, a vote to approve was unanimous.

Proposed Acquisitions

Gifts for the Permanent Collection:

Claudia Kheel presented two photographs by Pops Whitesell, gifted by the Friends of the Cabildo. Portraits of Louisiana athletes were added to the Sports Hall of Fame.

A motion was made by Mary Coulon to approve the acquisitions.
Seconded by Courtney Kiel LeBlanc, a vote to approve was unanimous.

Proposed Deaccession of Objects from Permanent Collection

52 objects from the departments of Visual Arts, Science and Technology, Decorative Arts, and Maps & Manuscripts were listed on the agenda, determined to be unrelated to the museum's mission or duplicates. Claudia Kheel presented a majority of the items. Citing recent research, she removed one item, a plaster bust of Admiral Sampson, made by Antonio Repetto, from the Visual Arts group. Lisa Black discussed transferring assorted 1970's era building hardware for use in Madame John's Legacy. 3 maps of South America were also included for sale at auction.

A motion to approve all items, with the exception of the plaster bust marked Repetto (#44), was made by Courtney Kiel LeBlanc.

Seconded by Mary Coulon, the Committee recommended the deaccessions be sent to the Board for approval.

Outgoing Loan

West Baton Rouge Museum, (Port Allen, LA) has requested the 4-month loan of 8 Native American baskets made by the Coushatta, Choctaw, Chitimacha, and Coushatta tribes for the exhibition *Weaving Nature: Louisiana's Native American Basketry*.

A motion was made by Courtney Kiel LeBlanc to approve the loan.

Seconded by Mary Coulon, a vote to approve was unanimous.

Outgoing Loan Extensions

The World War II Museum requested the extension of 2 loans consisting of 9 objects. 7 of these are machine guns. All are featured in the exhibition *World War II, both European and Pacific Theatres*. The initial loans were made in 2001 and 2008, and all will be extended to January 15, 2028

A motion was made by Wendy Lodrig to approve the loan extensions.

Seconded by Courtney Kiel LeBlanc, a vote to approve was unanimous.

Incoming Loans

A book, *Billy Cannon: A Long, Long Run*, by Charles N. deGravelles has been added to the list of loans included in the exhibition *Billy Cannon: They Called Him Legend* (Capitol Park). The loan was made by the author.

Old Business

Courtney Kiel LeBlanc discussed preliminary research regarding the portrait of Harry Hosier removed from the Louisiana Museum Foundation. She suggested further research and the possibility of a professional appraisal.

New Business

The Committee was presented with the following statement from the Collections Management Manual: In accordance with the Collections Management Manual (p.25), the "Collecting Statement should be

proposed, reviewed and restated no less than every two years.” The current Collecting Statement was approved December 12, 2022. Members agreed to reflect on any necessary modifications, send proposed changes to the registrars, and be prepared to discuss the document at the next meeting. The current statement was attached.

Wendy Lodrig led a brief discussion about the need to revise bylaws to reflect changes in recent legislation.

Adjournment

Courtney Kiel LeBlanc made a motion to adjourn.
Florence Jumonville ended the meeting at 11:10 am.