

**LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, September 2, 2025 – 10:00 AM, CT
Green Room, Old U.S. Mint**

Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: None.

Additional Board Members: No visiting Board members were present.

Advisors Present: Tamra Carboni.

Advisors Absent: Anne Redd, Ann Williams.

LSM Staff Present: Lisa Black, Patrick Burns, Jenny Campbell, Claudia Kheel, David Kunian, Becky Mackie, Erin Patterson (recording), Wayne Phillips, Bryanne Schexnayder.

Guests: None.

A quorum was present.

Call to Order

Florence Jumonville called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

Collections Committee Action Items

Minutes from the meeting of July 1, 2025

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

Proposed Acquisitions

Gifts for the Permanent Collection:

17 gifts were made to the Carnival, Maps & Manuscripts, Music, Science & Technology, and Visual Arts collections. These include:

- A 1915 photograph of F. Evans Farwell as a Page in the Mistick Krewe of Comus, doubloons from the Original Illinois Club, a costume worn by Betty Spurlock as Captain of the Krewe of Neophermenos and quilt made by members of the Newcomers' Club, a collection of objects belonging to Adrienne Lawrence, Queen of Carnival, 1906, presented by Wayne Phillips.
- A baseball uniform, racing trophy, 3 items related to a Louisiana jockey, and a historic photo of a

Shreveport minor league baseball team were added for the Sports Hall of Fame.

- A hand-drawn map of Storyville, an electric bass played by Chris Severin, 4 photographs of Bobby Rush and Marcia Ball, a grand marshal suit worn by Wesley Schmidt (Storyville Stompers Brass Band), and 3 clarinets played by Paul “Polo” Barnes, presented by David Kunian.
- A miniature paper model of the Cabildo.
- A donation of original photographs, slides, and negatives, documenting the Cabildo fire, Mardi Gras photographs, and historical documents, presented by Wayne Phillips.
- A collection of photographs and materials relating to Natchitoches.

Purchase Ratification:

The Committee was asked to ratify one purchase of a group of concert posters from venues in New Orleans. Presented by David Kunian, the purchase of \$1,800 was funded by the Deaccessions Fund.

The Committee was notified of the addition of one book to the library collection.

A motion was made by Wendy Lodrig to approve the acquisitions.
Seconded by Suzanne Perlis, a vote to approve was unanimous.

Proposed Deaccession of Objects from Permanent Collection

Claudia Kheel presented 50 objects from the departments of Decorative Arts, Maps & Manuscripts, and Visual Arts, determined to be unrelated to the museum’s mission or duplicates.

A motion to approve all items was made by Suzanne Perlis.
Seconded by Tiffany Adler, the Committee recommended the deaccessions be sent to the Board for approval.

Conservation

The Committee was notified of conservation treatments for items affected by the fire at the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum in Natchitoches on January 5, 2025. They were also notified of cleaning of a dress worn by Kathy Higgins as Maid in the Krewe of Endymion ball in 1968.

Outgoing Loans

Committee members were notified and asked to approve outgoing loans requested by 3 institutions:

- 1) The New Orleans Storyville Museum (New Orleans, LA) requested a 3-year loan of Josie Arlington’s carriage stone for general exhibition.
- 2) The LSU Textile & Costume Museum (Baton Rouge, LA) requested a 6-month loan of a queen’s collar, crown, and scepter from the Krewe of Proteus for the exhibition *Dressing Louisiana: Histoires de la mode de la Louisiane*.

3) The Old State Capitol (Baton Rouge, LA) requested an 8-month loan of a cannonball, sword used by Gen. C.C. Augur, and a ribbon for the exhibition *A More Perfect Union*.

A motion was made by Mary Coulon to approve the loans.
Seconded by Suzanne Perlis, a vote to approve was unanimous.

Incoming Loans

The Committee was notified of 29 incoming loans for the permanent boxing display at the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, *Living with Hurricanes: Katrina and Beyond* and *Pioneers of Women's Carnival* at the Presbytère, *Michalopoulos: Mystic Expressionism-A Walk Through New Orleans Neighborhoods* at the Cabildo, and *The District: Music and Musicians of Storyville* at the Jazz Museum.

Incoming Loan Extension

The Committee was notified of an extension of the loan of a trophy from Wilbert Ellis (Ruston, LA) at the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

Old Business

The Committee reviewed and discussed proposed changes to the Collecting Statement from the Collections Management Manual.

A motion was made by Tiffany Adler to approve the changes.
Seconded by Courtney Kiel LeBlanc, a vote to approve was unanimous.

New Business

Suzanne Perlis gave the Committee an update on the status of the new agreement between the Louisiana Historical Society and LSM.

Adjournment

Florence Jumonville ended the meeting at 11:33am.