

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM (LSM)  
NEW ORLEANS JAZZ MUSEUM AT THE OLD U.S. MINT  
400 ESPLANADE AVENUE  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025  
11:30 AM**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Darryl Gissel, Florence Jumonville, R. Duncan Brown, Sandy Shilstone, Wendy Lodrig.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karl Connor, Malcolm Hodnett, Suzanne Perlis.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Benjamin Dupuy

**LSM STAFF PRESENT:** Becky Mackie, Blaze D'Amico, Cody Scallions, David Kunian, Damond Francois, Jeff Anding, and Nicole Coleman.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kristin Shannon

A quorum was present.

1. **Call to Order** – Wendy Lodrig called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda** – Wendy Lodrig presented the agenda. **R. Duncan Brown motioned to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Darryl Gissel and passed unanimously.**
3. **Adoption of Minutes from November 10, 2025 Meeting-** Wendy Lodrig recommended that in Section 4 – Chair’s Report, AAM Site Visit Update, the minutes include each board member’s full name (first and last) when names are initially presented. Subsequent references within the same paragraph may use first names only for readability. This suggestion was made to ensure consistency throughout the document.  
**R. Duncan Brown motioned to adopt the agenda with format changing. The motion was seconded by Darryl Gissel and passed unanimously.**
4. **Chairman’s Report -**  
Wendy Lodrig noted that two former board members will be returning to service, and their swearing-in will take place at the start of the December 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting. She requested that Ms. Julia George be present to administer the oath.  
  
Wendy Lodrig further reported that several board appointments are scheduled to expire in January and emphasized the importance of completing the reappointment process in a timely manner to avoid any extended vacancies. She also reiterated that board members whose terms have expired may continue to serve and participate fully until their successors have been formally appointed.
5. **Director’s Report**  
Becky Mackie circulated a proforma modeling the business plan for placing Madame John’s Legacy back in service once the building is ready for public access. The Irby Finance Committee approved funding for the initial investment in engineering design and a proposed professional services agreement is under review to include code research and plans for life safety, utilities, HVAC, fire suppression, power and lighting, and renovation/construction of bathrooms.

The Friends of Madame John's Legacy CEA was discussed. Members discussed Irby Trust funding and expressed support of management's decision to cancel the CEA and move forward with operations as outlined in the proforma.

**Wendy Lodrig moved to support the decision to release the members of the Friends group from the CEA. The motion was seconded by R. Duncan Brown and passed unanimously.**

**6. Irby/Finance**

Becky Mackie reported on a tenant's request for a rental abatement. The details of the request were reviewed and management's recommendation to not rebate rent was discussed.

**7. Governance Committee –**

R. Duncan Brown reported all members were present for the Governance Committee meeting. The committee has nominated Sandy Shilstone as the next Vice Chairman. If the Board votes to appoint her to Vice Chair, there will be a vacancy for Secretary. Nominations for Secretary will be announced at the next board meeting, following a vote on the recommendation.

**8. Education Committee –**

Wendy Lodrig reported on last Monday's Education Committee meeting. Prior to the meeting, members attended a class at the Cabildo, observing participants, interacting with instructors, and gaining insight into the local work of the Education Department. The committee then received a full report from Chris Cook, Director of Education, on ongoing local programs. The Jazz Museum presentation was tabled due to time constraints. This was only the committee's third meeting, and members expressed enthusiasm about learning more about statewide educational programs and ways they can support them.

**9. Collections Committee –**

Florence Jumonville reported that the Collections Committee has not met since the last board meeting.

David Kunian reviewed a loan request from the Ogden Museum to borrow the Rockmore painting of Preservation Hall for a Herman Leonard exhibit. The museum plans to display it alongside two Rockmore works previously borrowed for the Rhys Rockmore exhibit to show different interpretations of Preservation Hall.

**Florence Jumonville motioned to make the loan of the Rockmore painting to the Ogden Museum. The motion was seconded by Sandy Shilstone and passed unanimously.**

**10. Architectural Preservations –**

Wendy Lodrig noted that the Architectural Preservation Committee has not met recently. Committee Chair Malcolm Hodnett will be contacted to schedule a meeting. The committee currently includes four members: Sandy Shilstone, Kaitlyn Palmer, Courtney LeBlanc, and Phillip Albert, providing a foundation to revitalize the group.

**11. Louisiana Civil Rights Museum Advisory Board -** No new updates were available, as the committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow.

**12. Old Business – Discussion on American Alliance of Museums (AAM) Reaccreditation:**

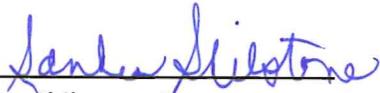
Last week, notification was received that AAM site reviewers submitted their report, which is now undergoing the review process. A committee vote on reaccreditation is expected by early

March. The site visit went very well; both reviewers, who work for governmental agencies, were engaged and recognized structural, policy, and team-building improvements at the museum.

**13. New Business** – there was no new business

**14. Adjourn** – the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm.

**Minutes Accepted**

  
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Sandra Shilstone, Secretary