

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM (LSM)
NEW ORLEANS JAZZ MUSEUM AT THE OLD US MINT
400 ESPLANADE AVENUE
MONDAY DECEMBER 8, 2025
11:00 am**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Benjamin Dupuy, Mary Coulon, R. Duncan Brown, Sandy Shilstone, Wendy Lodrig.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LSM STAFF PRESENT: Becky Mackie, Blaze D’Amico, Cody Scallions, Jeff Anding, and Nicole Coleman.

OTHERS PRESENT:

A quorum was present.

1. **Call to Order** – R. Duncan Brown called the meeting to order at 11:09 am.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda** – Benjamin Dupuy requested a motioned to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mary Coulon, and it was unanimously approved.
3. **Adoption of the Minutes** – Mary Coulon motioned to approve the minutes from the August 15,2025 committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Benjamin Dupuy, and it was unanimously approved.
4. **Chairman’s Report** - Duncan Brown stated that the primary agenda item for the meeting was the nomination of a Vice Chair for the Board following the untimely passing of Jay Batt. He reported that two nominations had been submitted. The first, nominated by Wendy Lodrig, was Sandra “Sandy” Shilstone. The second nomination from Kim Abramson was for Christen Losey-Gregg. Both nominations were presented for consideration.

Wendy Lodrig stated that she received the nomination for Christen Losey-Gregg. A question was raised on whether the nominee had officially been appointed to the Board by the due date for nominations.

Duncan Brown noted that both nominees are well qualified and invited further discussion from the Committee.

Wendy Lodrig expressed her support for the candidate she nominated, noting that Sandy Shilstone has served the Board for several years and demonstrated strong leadership during the strategic planning initiative currently in place. She also highlighted Sandy’s service as Secretary, emphasizing that she was an active participant.

Wendy Lodrig stated that she received the nomination for the second candidate by email on November 19th. She acknowledged that the second candidate previously served in the Vice Chair capacity, and the nominating email referenced her leadership during the pandemic—an especially challenging period for the Board.

Benjamin Dupuy motioned to recommend to the Board Sandra “Sandy” Shilstone as the Committee’s nominee for the vice chair. The motion was seconded by Mary Coulon, and it was unanimously approved.

Duncan Brown noted that if the Board votes in Sandy Shilstone to the Vice Chair position, February 1, 2026 will be established as the deadline for submitting nominations for the then vacant Secretary position,

ensuring alignment with the upcoming Board election schedule. The Governance Committee will review all nominations prior to the February Board meeting, at which time a final recommendation will be presented for approval.

Duncan Brown reminded members about the required Board training, noting that Nicole Coleman previously sent an email on the subject. He stated he would present this reminder at the next Board meeting.

5. **Director's Report** – Becky Mackie reported that the notice regarding required Board training should have been sent earlier, around September or October, but was missed due to staff turnover. She stated that the team will plan further in advance next year.

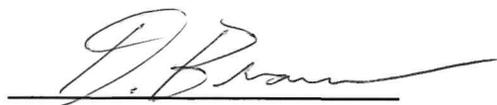
Duncan Brown proposed developing a centralized tracking system using spreadsheets to monitor training status and certificates. The system will include quarterly updates and clear deadlines to ensure member accountability. It will also integrate with exit notifications to confirm that departing members complete all requirements. This initiative is intended to protect the Board from liability and maintain compliance among volunteer members. The committee plans to present the tracking system and related training updates at the December Board meeting.

Becky Mackie noted that, of the new board positions created last session, the only outstanding appointment is for the Governor or his designee.

Wendy Lodrig suggested that, as new board member nominations and appointments are considered, the Board should seek broader geographic representation beyond the Greater New Orleans area. She encouraged members to recommend candidates from other regions of the state, such as northern Louisiana, to ensure the Board reflects statewide perspectives.

6. **Old Business** - Wendy Lodrig provided a reminder regarding the Governance Committee Charter, noting the need for follow-up or attention to this item.
7. **New Business** - Wendy Lodrig asked if it would be possible to track the election and term end dates of principal officers for the Governance Committee to monitor eligibility for re-election.
8. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 12:24 PM.

Minutes Accepted



R. Duncan Brown, Chair