

ST. MARTIN PARISH TOURISM COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH, 2025

The St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission met at 4:34 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025. The meeting was held at the St. Martin Parish Tourism Office, 601 East Bridge Street, Breaux Bridge.

The meeting was called to order by Tourism Executive Director Laci Laperouse.

The following members were present: Carole Lancon, Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux, and Karlos Knott. The following members were absent: Christine Friedman (excused) and Tonia Peltier (excused). Commissioner Yvette Landry resigned, effective May 14, 2025.

A motion was made by Fred Foti Jr., and seconded by Carole Lancon, to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, April 9th, 2025.

This motion, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux, Karlos Knott, and Carole Lancon.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Christine Friedman (excused) and Tonia Peltier (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 14th day of May 2025.

A motion was made by Marel Thibodeaux and seconded by Karlos Knott to approve the Tourism Monthly Report for the month of April 2025.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux, Karlos Knott, and Carole Lancon.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Christine Friedman (excused) and Tonia Peltier (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 14th day of May 2025.

After a detailed discussion ensued among Commissioners and the Executive Director, Laci Laperouse, regarding the request received by Jessalyn Newton for the Way of the Cross Mural Project, the following assistance was approved:

- Sponsorship of two murals at \$1,000 a piece for a total of \$2,000 sponsorship.

A motion was made by Karlos Knott and seconded by Marel Thibodeaux to approve the above-mentioned request.

This motion, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux, Karlos Knott, and Carole Lancon.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Christine Friedman (excused), Tonia Peltier (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 14th day of May 2025.

Executive Director Laci informed the commission that a sponsorship request from St. Bernard Catholic Church had been submitted after the meeting agenda had already been posted. She explained that for the request to be considered during this meeting, a motion would need to be made to extend the agenda.

A motion was made by Marel Thibodeaux and seconded by Karlos Knott to extend the agenda.

This motion, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux, Karlos Knott, and Carole Lancon.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Christine Friedman (excused), Tonia Peltier (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 14th day of May 2025.

After a detailed discussion ensued among Commissioners and the Executive Director, Laci Laperouse, regarding the request received by St. Bernard Catholic Church for Tunes on the Teche, the following assistance was approved:

- Sponsorship of \$500.00 to be used towards promotional materials, advertisement, and/or entertainment for said event.
- Social Media Boosts

- Events Page (local and state Tourism Office)
- Submission of the event to the radio/news media community calendars

A motion was made by Fred Foti Jr., and seconded by Carole Lancon to approve the above-mentioned request.

This motion, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

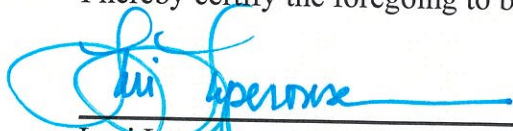
- YEAS: Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux, Karlos Knott, and Carole Lancon.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Christine Friedman (excused), Tonia Peltier (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 14th day of May 2025.

With no further business, Executive Director Laci Laperouse announced the next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 11th, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., at Randol's Restaurant, 325 W. Mills Avenue, Breaux Bridge.

A motion was made by Carole Lancon and seconded by Marel Thibodeaux that the St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission Meeting does hereby adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be exact and true:


 Laci Laperouse, Executive Director
 St. Martin Parish Tourism