

**ST. MARTIN PARISH TOURISM COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2025**

The St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission met at 4:31 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th, 2025. The meeting was held at Bayou Teche Brewery/Cajun Saucer, 1002 Noth Lane, Arnaudville.

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

The following members were present: Christine Friedman, Tonia Peltier, Marel Thibodeaux, Karlos Knott, Fred Foit Jr. (Arrived at 4:40 p.m.), and Carole Lancon. The following members were absent: Greg Domingue (excused). Also present were Assistant Director Megan LeBlanc and Social Media/Special Projects Manager Brandy Aubé.

A motion was made by Carole Lancon, and seconded by Christine Friedman, to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025.

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

YEAS: Christin Friedman, Tonia Peltier, Marel Thibodeaux, Karlos Knott, and Carole Lancon.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Greg Domingue (excused)

ABSENT AT VOTING: Fred Foti Jr.

And the motion was declared adopted this 10th day of December 2025.

A motion was made by Christine Friedman and seconded by Carole Lancon to approve the Tourism Monthly Report for the month of November 2025.

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

YEAS: Christine Friedman, Tonia Peltier, Marel Thibodeaux, Karlos Knott, and Carole Lancon.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Greg Domingue (excused).

ABSENT AT VOTING: Fred Foti Jr.

And the motion was declared adopted this 10th day of December 2025.

The Commissioners discussed and considered the proposed 2026 meeting dates and locations. Meetings are customarily held on the second Wednesday of each month. All proposed dates were approved apart from the November meeting, which was originally scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, 2026. Due to the office being closed in observance of Veterans' Day, the Commissioners agreed to move the November meeting to Tuesday, November 10, 2026.

The Commissioners then discussed the four quarterly meeting locations to be held off-site at businesses within the parish. Executive Director Laci Laperouse presented several locations that the Commission had not yet visited. After discussion, the Commissioners selected the following locations: Atelier de la Nature, Longfellow Evangeline Historic Site, and Pont Breaux Coffee House.

For the December meeting, Commissioner Christine Friedman proposed rotating the December meeting location between Bayou Teche Brewery/Cajun Saucer and Atchafalaya Basin Landing/Turtle's, allowing for a social gathering following adjournment. The Commissioners agreed with this proposal. Executive Director Laci Laperouse noted that each attendee should be responsible for his or her own tab, as it should not consistently fall upon the host location to cover the cost. The Commissioners agreed with this recommendation.

A motion was made by Fred Foti, Jr. and seconded by Tonia Peltier to approve the 2026 Meeting dates and Locations

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Greg Domingue (excused)

And the motion was declared adopted this 10th day of December 2025.

Prior to adjournment, Executive Director Laci Laperouse provided the commissioners with several important updates. Executive Director Laci Laperouse discussed the LTLA Opportunity with the Commissioners. She explained that due to the Commission increasing its membership

level with LTA, the organization is now eligible for participation in the LTLA program. She noted that this opportunity is available for one Commissioner to apply and participate, as all Tourism staff have previously completed the program.

Laci emphasized the value and importance of the LTLA program, including the attendance requirements and other participation criteria. She advised the Commissioners that Tourism would be responsible for covering the cost of the program and stressed that any Commissioner applying should ensure they can attend all required classes and fulfill the program obligations. She further noted that the application deadline was approaching and requested that any interested Commissioners notify her via email as soon as possible.

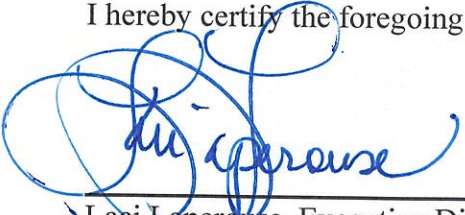
She then provided updates on the recent educational seminar hosted by the Tourism Department and shared additional updates related to upcoming and recent trade shows.

Prior to adjournment, Executive Director Laci Laperouse invited comments or discussions from the board members. There were no comments or discussions.

With no further business, Executive Director Laci Laperouse announced that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14th, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the St. Martin Parish Tourism Office, 601 East Bridge Street, Breaux Bridge.

A motion was made by Fred Foti Jr, and seconded by Carole Lancon, 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