

St. Bernard Tourist Commission Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025
St. Bernard Port, Harbor & Terminal District Building

Call to Order at 12:49 p.m.

Present from the Tourist Commission: Lena Nunez, Dorothy Hills, Lisamarie Brandon, Erin Bigner, Jenifer H. Andes and Jessica Reab (acting Chair since Phyllis Diecidue was absent).

Present from the Office of Tourism: Katie Tommaseo and Samantha Meyers.

There were no guests and no public comments.

6. A motion was made by Lisamarie Brandon, seconded by Lena Nunez to accept last month's minutes. Dorothy Hills, Erin Bigner and Jenifer H. Andes voted yea, no nays. Motion passed.

7. A motion was made by Jenifer H. Andes, seconded by Lisamarie Brandon to accept the Financial Report. Lena Nunez, Erin Bigner and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

8. Katie Tommaseo presented the Director's Report. She introduced our newest Tourist Commission member, Erin Bigner. Katie also spoke of upcoming events such as the Battle of New Orleans wreath laying on Jan 8, the tree planting at the Liberty Bell at the Civic Center, the Lecture Series on Jan 9 and 10 and the Jackson Day Race on Jan. 11. It will be a busy month and volunteers will be needed.

9. A motion was made by Lisamarie Brandon, seconded by Dorothy Hills to nominate Sidney Torres with the Crevasse (River House) and Jessica Reab nominated Nunez College, seconded by Erin Bigner for their patronism with use of their buildings for various events. A public vote was done and Sidney Torres (Crevasse) won. He will be awarded the Friend of Tourism Award at the State of Tourism event on Jan 7. Jenifer H. Andes and Erin Bigner voted yea; no nays. Lena Nunez abstained because he is a relative. Motion passed.

10. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Dorothy Hills to approve the 2026 meeting dates and place to stay the same. Meetings will be held at 4:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month unless it has to change due to conflict of events. Jenifer H. Andes, Erin Bigner and Lisamarie Brandon voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

11. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Lena Nunez to sponsor the Jackson Day Race on Jan 11. Lisamarie Brandon, Erin Bigner and Jenifer H. Andes voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

12. A motion was made by Lisamarie Brandon, seconded by Dorothy Hills to pay for two members to attend the Tourism Sales & Marketing Seminar & Annual Meeting Jan. 20 and 21 for up to \$400 (attendance/room). Erin Bigner, Jenifer H. Andes and Lena Nunez voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Lisamarie Brandon, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to add 12.a.

12.a. A motion was made by Lisamarie Brandon, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to pay up to \$300 for those who are attending the LTA Summit this year. Lena Nunez, Erin Bigner and Dorothy Hills voted yea, no nays. Motion passed.

13. Next Meeting will be Jan. 14th @ the Aycock Barn (409 Aycock Street) at 4:30 p.m.

14. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m. all voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

Chair	<u>Phyllis Deindue</u>	Date	<u>1/14/2026</u>
Secretary	<u>Jenifer H. Andes</u>	Date	<u>1/14/26</u>