

## The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art State of Florida Board of Control Records, 1946 - 1958

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### Overview

Repository	Archives The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art 5401 Bay Shore Road Sarasota, Florida 34243 <a href="mailto:archives@ringling.org">archives@ringling.org</a>
Creators	State of Florida Board of Control
Title	The State of Florida Board of Control Records of The John and Mabel Ringling Museum of Art
Dates	1946 - 1958
Language	English
Physical description	2.0 linear feet
Arrangement	Chronological

### Administrative Information

## Provenance

The records were transferred in 2013 to the Archives from the Museum's Executive Director's Office.

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## Processing Notes

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## Historical Note

John and Mable Ringling founded The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art expressly for the people of Florida, opening to the public in 1930. On March 1, 1946, the museum complex was officially transferred to the State of Florida. At that time it was under the jurisdiction of the Florida Board of Control.

The Florida Board of Control was created in 1905 by the Buckman Act. This board was the statewide governing body for the State University System of Florida, which included all public universities in the state of Florida. In 1965, it was replaced by the Florida Board of Regents. The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and the Ringling Home, at Sarasota, were turned over to the Board of Control on March 5, 1946 by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions. The Board of Control employed Mr. A. Everett Austin as Director of the Museum on May 1, 1946. Under the auspices of the Board of Control many needed improvements were completed at the Museum and the Ringling home.

The Florida Board of Control supervised the management of the Museum. Their primary responsibility were the state universities. Upon the recommendation of the Florida Board of Control who sought to “devote all of its time to the state’s higher education institutions,” in 1959, Florida legislation passed chapter 59-60, *Laws of Florida* that required a separate Board of Trustees to administer the Ringling Museums. The board was empowered to appoint a director and to oversee the workings of the Museum. The first meeting of the newly appointed Board of Trustees of the Ringling Museums took place in the Art Museum on June 18, 1959. The board would administer the museum under the State of Florida Board of Control, overseeing all aspects of the museum including budgetary and staff concerns, acquisitions and loans, admission policies, building and ground maintenance and compliance with state regulations. At the board’s first meeting, an executive committee was formed by a motion approved by the board. It would consist of the board chair, vice-chair and a board member.

## **Description of Papers**

The Florida Board of Control collection holds four bound volumes and board meeting minutes and agendas. Each volume holds the membership of the Board, a letter of transmittal and reports from the chairman of the board, the board’s executive secretary, architect to the Board of Control, the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art; and from institutions under the administration of the Board of Control. Minutes and agendas.

## **Collection Overview**

The State of Florida Board of Control Records of The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art consist of meeting minutes, agendas, correspondence and an appraisal of the contents of the museum.

## **Related Materials**

The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art Governing Boards Meeting Minutes and Related Records, 1948- 2017

## **Subject Headings**

Administration of estates – Florida  
Agendas  
Art- Florida  
Buildings- Maintenance  
Business records  
Business records-Florida-20<sup>th</sup> century  
Ca’ d’Zan  
Executors and administrators – Florida  
Finance, Public  
Florida – Land  
Florida – Officials and employees  
Minutes  
Museum directors- Administration  
Sarasota (Fla.)-Buildings and structures, etc.  
Sarasota (Fla.)-Land-Investment  
State government records  
Tax records-Florida-Sarasota

## **Contents of the Collection**

Box No. Folder No. Folder Title

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| 1 |    | Reports of the Florida Board of Control 1948 - 1958   |
|   | 1  | 1948  |
|   | 2  | 1950 -1952  |
|   | 3  | 1952-1954   |
|   | 4  | 1956-1958   |
| 2 |    | State of Florida Board of Control meeting agendas and minutes, March 4, 1946 –<br>July 16, 1954 |
|   | 1  | March 4, 1946   |
|   | 2  | March 16, 1946  |
|   | 3  | October 23, 1947  |
|   | 4  | November 19, 1947   |
|   | 5  | December 11, 1947   |
|   | 6  | December 12, 1947   |
|   | 7  | January 13, 1948  |
|   | 8  | December 12, 1947   |
|   | 9  | January 8, 1948   |
|   | 10 | January 16, 1948  |
|   | 11 | January 1948  |
|   | 12 | February 1948   |
|   | 13 | March 5, 1948   |
|   | 14 | April 1948  |
|   | 15 | June 1948   |
|   | 16 | July 1948   |
|   | 17 | August 1948   |
|   | 18 | February 17, 1949   |
|   | 19 | March 1949  |
|   | 20 | October 14, 1949  |
|   | 21 | November 4, 1949  |

22	December 15, 1949
23	January 18, 1950
24	February 16, 1950
25	March 16, 1950
26	May 19, 1950
27	June 15, 1950
28	July 20, 1950
29	August 10, 1950
30	September 21, 1950
31	October 19, 1950
32	November 16, 1950
33	December 14, 1950
34	January 26, 1951
35	February 22, 1951
36	March 15, 1951
37	April 17, 1951
38	May 24, 1951
39	July 19, 1951
40	August 23, 1951
41	September 14, 1951
42	October 18, 1951
43	November 15, 1951
44	December 13, 1952
45	January 17, 1952
46	May 9, 1952
47	July 24, 1952
48	September 19, 1952
49	October 23, 1952
50	November 20, 1952
51	January 29, 1953
52	February 27, 1953

- 53 March 19, 1953
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- 55 May 22, 1953
- 56 June 17, 1953
- 57 June 19, 1953
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- 59 August 27, 1953
- 60 September 29, 1953
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- 63 December 18, 1953
- 64 January 22, 1954
- 65 February 2, 1954
- 66 February 19, 1954
- 67 March 18, 1954
- 68 April 14, 1954
- 69 May 20, 1954
- 70 June 17, 1954
- 71 July 16, 1954

3 State of Florida Board of Control Meeting Agendas and Minutes September 9, 1954 –  
June 23, 1955

- 1 September 9, 1954
- 2 October 28, 1954
- 3 November 12, 1954
- 4 December 3, 1954
- 5 1954
- 6 January 7, 1955
- 7 January 20 and 21, 1955
- 8 February 17, 1955
- 9 April 21, 1955
- 10 May 19, 1955

- 11 June 23, 1955
- 12 July 21, 1955
- 13 September 22, 1955
- 14 October 14, 1955
- 15 November 18, 1955

4 Executive Committee meeting minutes October 2, 1953 – August 24, 1954

- 1 October 2, 1953
- 2 October 6, 1953
- 3 October 13, 1953
- 4 October 19, 1953
- 5 October 27, 1953
- 6 November 10, 1953
- 7 November 17, 1953
- 8 November 24, 1953
- 9 December 1, 1953
- 10 December 8, 1953
- 11 December 15, 1953
- 12 December 22, 1953
- 13 December 29, 1953
- 14 January 5, 1954
- 15 January 12, 1954
- 16 January 19, 1954
- 17 January 25, 1954
- 18 February 2, 1954
- 19 February 9, 1954
- 20 February 16, 1954
- 21 February 23, 1954
- 22 March 2, 1954
- 23 March 9, 1954
- 24 March 23, 1954

- 25 March 30, 1954
- 26 April 6, 1954
- 27 April 13, 1954
- 28 April 27, 1954
- 29 May 4, 1954
- 30 May 11, 1954
- 31 May 29, 1954
- 32 June 2, 1954
- 33 June 8, 1954
- 34 June 15, 1954
- 35 June 22, 1954
- 36 June 29, 1954
- 37 July 6, 1954
- 38 July 13, 1954
- 39 July 20, 1954
- 40 July 27, 1954
- 41 August 3, 1954
- 42 August 10, 1954
- 43 August 19, 1954
- 44 August 24, 1954

## 5 Special Auditor Records

- 1 Correspondence December 1944 – November 1945
- 2 Correspondence January – March 1946
- 3 Correspondence April – May 1946
- 4 Correspondence June 1946
- 5 Correspondence July – September 1946
- 6 Expenditures
7. Appraisal of the contents of The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, 1938
8. Inventory and appraisal of the sundry furnishings and objects in the

north basement of and belonging to The John and Mable Ringling  
Museum of Art, 1955

9. Gifts to the Museum from A. Everett Austin, 1951 dated
10. Invoices 1946 – 1954
11. Report of a Survey of the Operations, Content, and Future  
Planning of the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, January  
12, 1953