

NEW ORLEANS FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION AND RELIEF FUND

Martin Gaal
Board President

Thomas F. Meagher, III
Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT:

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Firefighters' Pension & Relief Fund**

TIME, DATE AND PLACE:

**June 8, 2022
2401 Westbend Parkway
Suite 3001
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130**

This meeting was available via zoom.

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Thomas Meagher, Branden Krsak, Alcide Tervalon, Martin Gaal and Roman Nelson and Norman White. Stephen Roy was absent.

Also present:

**Pam Meyer
Teresa Kehoe
Louis Robein, Board Attorney
Porche, active firefighter via zoom**

A quorum being present, the Board Secretary Treasurer called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Meagher noted that the NCPERS conference is scheduled for May in Washington D.C. the week of May 21-25. He noted that the conference was well attended and there were very informative sessions and interactions with fellow trustees from other Funds. Nelson and Gaal concurred. Discussion about the conference followed.

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

Meagher noted that the May 2022 minutes require approval.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to accept the minutes of the May 2022 meeting.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Daniel Dix, and Dylani Barbarin have resigned and requested refunds of their employee contributions. They were members of the Department for 1.5 years and 4 years respectively.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Nelson to approve the refund of employee contributions to Mr. Dix and Barbarin.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

Joseph Sibernagel and Donald Pulliam have updated their beneficiary forms.

DROP WITHDRAWAL

None

R.S. 11:3376 DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

Cameron Hatch, a New Fund Fire Captain, age 42 with 13 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability pension effective June 8, 2022.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Tervalon to approve the 50% Service Connected Disability application for Mr. Hatch effective June 8, 2022 which provides that benefits are calculated at 2 ½% of the member's average 60 month compensation for the first twelve years of service and all years of service until the member has reached 50 years of age; and 3 1/3% of his average 60 month pensionable compensation for all years of service and any portion of a year beyond 12 years of service and 50 years of age; If the member has 30 years or more of service the retirement benefit for each year or portion of a year shall be 3 1/3% of the average 60 month pensionable compensation up to 100% of pensionable salary. .

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Discussion followed on the possible need to have an additional medical doctor review the files and examine patients having disability claims other than orthopedic, heart and lung. Mitchell noted that Dr. Lutz has and will from time to time seek additional medical advice from more specialized medical personnel for candidates seeking disabilities for hearing and non-physical issues, including PTSD.

MOTION: Moved by White and seconded by Meagher to engage an additional medical doctor to review any disability applications for PTSD and other non-physical matters where appropriate.
Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REGULAR PENSION APPLICATIONS:

None

PLOP APPROVALS

Caneron Hatch, New Fund Fire Captain is applying for PLOP.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to approve the PLOP election for Mr. Hatch.
Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REVERSE DROP

None

DROP APPLICATIONS

Gerald L. Forster, a New Fund Fire Captain, age eligible, with 30 years of service is applying to enter the DROP. This applicant also has a QDRO.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve the DROP application for Mr. Foster effective May 1, 2022 which provides that benefits are calculated at 2 ½% of the member's average 60 month compensation for the first twelve years of service and all years of service until the member has reached 50 years of age; and 3 1/3% of his average 60 month pensionable compensation for all years of service and any portion of a year beyond 12 years of service and 50 years of age; If the member has 30 or more years of service the retirement benefit for each year or portion of a year shall be 3 1/3% of the average 60 month pensionable compensation up to 100% of pensionable salary. .
Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REPORTS OF DEATHS

Members

None

Widows:

Mrs. Joy K. Nelson died on May 7, 2022 at the age of 91. Her benefits began on April 4, 2012 and continued for the last 10 years.

Mrs. Betty Ordogne died on May 24, 2022 at the age of 91. Her benefits began on March 1, 1984, 38 years ago.

MOTION: Moved by Gaal and seconded by Meagher to remove the members and widows from the rolls.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

Mrs. Ollie F. Francis is applying for a Non Duty Death benefit effective January 1, 2022.

MOTION: Moved by Gaal and seconded by Meagher to approve a non-duty death benefit for Mrs. Francis effective January 1, 2022.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Lisa V. Marcello is applying for a Non Duty Widow's benefit effective March 1, 2022.

MOTION: Moved by Gaal and seconded by Meagher to approve a non-duty death benefit for Mrs. Marcello effective January 1, 2022.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Board members were provided with key financial revenue and disbursement figures for the New and Old system for May 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

SEB payment history request: No update provided

Information for life insurance: No update provided

Office Building update: Mr. Meagher noted that the parking lot is poured and painted. Landscaping is expected to begin this week and final inspections immediately thereafter. Movers are scheduled for June 22, 2022.

Personnel Committee

Mr. Meagher noted that the personnel committee expects to meet in the coming weeks. Recommendations, if any, will be presented at the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

LEGAL:

American Pension Consultants: The Triche trial has moved to settlement negotiations. The matter will go before a Judge next month.

Longevity 2022 Mr. Robein provided information on the number of checks distributed during the 2022 Longevity distribution

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

TIMELY FILING OF APPLICATIONS:

All Members applying for retirement, DROP or PLOP must do so 45 days in advance of the scheduled retirement date. All medical documentation for disability applications must be in the administrative office 45 days prior to the scheduled retirement date. Failure to comply with the Fund's rules will cause a delay in the Board taking action and will probably force an extension beyond the member's desired retirement date.

The administrative office will continue to process all paperwork in a friendly, orderly, and

timely fashion. We thank all applying members for their continued cooperation. This will enable the Administrative Office and the Board of Trustees to perform their jobs more efficiently.

Members who have recently changed their address or marital status and have not updated their beneficiary form should do so. Please contact the Pension Office during the hours of 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for beneficiary verifications. Your cooperation is appreciated.

APPROVED By: Thomas J. Meyer III Date: 7/13/22