

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:

**May 11, 2022
2401 Westbend Parkway
Suite 3001
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130**

This meeting was held via zoom.

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

Also present:

**Pam Meyer
Teresa Kehoe
Louis Robein, Board Attorney**

A quorum being present, the Board Secretary Treasurer called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Meagher noted that the NCPERS conference is scheduled for May in Washington D.C. the week of May 21-25. Board members and staff have been registered for the conference.

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

Meagher noted that the March and April 2022 minutes require approval.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to accept the minutes of the March and April 2022 meetings.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

None

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

Donald Manalla, Sr., Donald Pace, Robert Deimel Jr., John Noonan, Willie Johnson Jr., Rebecca Connolly, Albert Martineau, Earl J. Mendel Jr., Herbert Patterson, Avery Hunter, Joseph Jurisich III, Ruel Douvillie, Farrell Lacoste, Christine Legrand Delatte, Don LeBlanc, Peter Frisch, Terry Lonatro, Ronnie D. Innis, Bruce Martin, Ronald Lisberg, Charles Smith, Donald Maitre, Paul La Noue, Michael Joseph, Earl Gorrondona, Edward Muchmore, Casey Kilian, Edgar Journee, Gerald Lott, Noel Rovira, Calvin I. Brown Jr., Sonnie Smith, Robert Mathis, Christopher Mahler, Brent Hatfield, Edmond Mc Intyer Jr. Michael McCann, Lynard Jones, Cleveland Bethley, and Thomas Monteverde have updated their beneficiary forms.

DROP WITHDRAWAL

None

R.S. 11:3376 DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

None

REGULAR PENSION APPLICATIONS:

None

PLOP APPROVALS

REVERSE DROP

None

DROP APPLICATIONS

James Vance, Jr. a New Fund Fire Educational Officer, age eligible, with 30 years of service is applying to enter the DROP.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve the DROP application for Mr. Vance 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 beyond 30 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

David H. Ashburn, a New Fund Fire District Chief, age eligible with 30 years of service is applying to enter DROP effective June 1, 2022.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve the DROP application for Mr. Ashburn effective June 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 beyond 30 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. Audrey Neuman died on April 25, 2022 at the age of 86. Her benefits began on July 1, 2008 and were paid for 15 years.

Mrs. Jacqueline Hart died on April 4, 2022 at the age of 86. Her benefits began o May 1, 1993, 29 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. Ceana Raynal is applying for a Non Duty Death benefit effective April 1, 2022.

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mr. Meagher noted that **Mrs. Francis Fatherree** has requested to appeal the Board's decision regarding the non-duty death benefit award. She is currently gathering medical records to support the appeal.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

OLD BUSINESS:

SEB payment history request: No update provided

Information for life insurance: No update provided

Office Building update: Mr. Meagher noted that power has been connected to the building and most of the interior work will be completed shortly. Paving and landscaping will follow immediately after interior work is completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnell Committee

Mr. Meagher asked for volunteers to join the Personnel Committee. The Committee will review Salary of current personnel and discuss matters relating to staffing, then make recommendations to the Board where necessary. Discussion followed regarding meeting and time commitment. Board Members Nelson and Roy agreed to join Meagher on the committee.

Motion passed.

NO OBECTIONS

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 F. Mungler **Date:** 6/8/22