

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:

**March 12, 2025
5710 General Haig Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124**

This meeting was available via Webex.

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Thomas Meagher, Martin Gaal, Roman Nelson, Alcide Tervalon and Brandon Krsak. Romy Samuel attended via Webex.

Stephen Roy was absent.

Also present:

Louis Robein, Board Attorney

Paul Mitchell

Pam Meyer

A quorum being present, the Board Secretary Treasurer called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Meagher noted that the NCPERS conference is May 18-21, 2025 in Dever, CO. Please let staff know about attending. He encouraged members to book their hotel rooms early. They can be cancelled should plans change.

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

Meagher noted that the February 2025 minutes require approval.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to accept the minutes of the February 2025 meeting.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Lance Ancar and **Hunter Verdin** are requesting a refund of contributions. Both have less than 3 years of service.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the refund of contributions for Ms. Ancar and Mr. Hunter.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

None

DROP WITHDRAWAL

None

R.S. 11:3376 DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

None

REGULAR PENSION APPLICATIONS:

None

PLOP APPROVALS

None

REVERSE DROP

None

DROP APPLICATIONS

None

WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

Mrs. Madeline Martin is applying for a Non-Duty Widow's Benefit effective March 1, 2025.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the application of a Non-Duty Widow's benefit for Mrs. Martin effective March 1, 2025.

Motion passed

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Patricia Hasselbeck is applying for a Non-Duty Widow's Benefit effective March 1, 2025.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the application of a Non-Duty Widow's benefit for Mrs. Hasselbeck effective March 1, 2025.

Motion passed

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Beverly LeBlanc is applying for a Non-Duty Widow's Benefit effective March 1, 2025.

MOTION: Moved by Gaal and seconded by Meagher to approve the application of a Non-Duty Widow's benefit for Mrs. LeBlanc effective March 1, 2025.

Motion passed

NO OBJECTIONS

APPLICATIONS PENDING

None

REPORTS OF DEATHS

Active members

John Blackwell died on February 24, 2025 at the age of 53, leaving a widow and minor children. He entered the department on May 26, 1998 and had 26 years of service.

Michael T. Windsay died on March 3, 2025 at the age of 51, leaving no widow or minor children. He entered the department on February 20, 1995. He had 30 years of service.

Pensioners:

Louis Galiano died on January 27, 2025 at the age of 87, leaving no widow or minor children. He entered the department on January 5, 1962 and retired on August 1, 1982 after 20 years of service. He spent 42 years on pension.

Widows:

Gail W. Lapara died on February 6, 2025 at the age of 87. Her benefits began on January 1, 2004, 21 years ago.

Beverly Caruso died on March 28, 2024 at the age of 77. Her benefits began on November 1, 2004 over 20 years ago.

MOTION: Moved by Gaal and seconded by Meagher to remove the deceased from the rolls. Motion passed. **NO OBJECTIONS**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Board members were provided with key financial revenue and disbursement figures for the New and Old Systems for February 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

SEB payment history request: No update provided

Information for life insurance: No update provided

NEW BUSINESS

LEGAL

Mr. Robein noted that the 2025 Longevity payments began last month and are being distributed. Additionally place holder bills have been filed to adjust the 2.5% accrual rate and widow's pension increase of \$300 per month.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

TIMELY FILING OF APPLICATIONS:

All Members applying for retirement 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. May Jr. Date: 4/9/2025