

# **NEW ORLEANS FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION AND RELIEF FUND**

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**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 11, 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, Stephen Roy Romy Samuel. Absent Brandon Krsak.**

**Also present:**

**Louis Robein, Board Attorney  
Paul Mitchell  
Pam Meyer**

**A quorum being present, the Board Secretary Treasurer called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Meagher noted that four Board members attended the NCPERS Conference in Denver. Discussion continued on conference topics.

Meagher noted that cancer screening of the esophagus will be performed on June 24 and 25 2025. Scheduling of the testing and eligibility information has been forwarded to retirees via email. Response has been favorable

## **REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES**

Meagher noted that the May 2025 minutes require approval.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to accept the minutes of the May 2025 meeting.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

**REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Kyrell M. Theodore** a firefighter with 36 months of service has resigned. He is requesting a refund of his contributions.

**Rashad Adams**, a firefighter with 19 months of service is resigning. He is requesting a refund of contributions.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve the refund of contributions for Mr. Theodore and Mr. Adams.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

**CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY**

**None**

**DROP WITHDRAWAL**

**None**

**R.S. 11:3376 DISABILITY APPLICATIONS**

None

**REGULAR PENSION APPLICATIONS:**

**Chris Mickal:** New Fund Fire District Chief, age appropriate, with 45 years of creditable service is seeking a Regular Service Pension effective June 18, 2025.

**MOTION:** Moved by Nelson and seconded by Romy to approve a Regular Service Pension application for Mr. Mickal effective at June 18, 2025, 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

### **PLOP APPROVALS**

**None**

### **REVERSE DROP**

**None**

### **DROP APPLICATIONS**

**None**

### **WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS**

**Mrs. Elda Estopinal** is applying for a Non-Duty Widow's Benefit effective June 1, 2025.

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

Motion passed

**NO OBJECTIONS**

### **DEPENDENT CHILDREN APPLICATIONS**

**Daniel Jackson (child of Dwayne Jackson)** is making application for a dependent child's benefit effective March 13, 2025.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Tervalon to approve the application for a dependent child benefit effective March 13, 2025 for Daniel Jackson.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**Gaberial Amari Jackson** is making application for a dependent Child's benefit effective March 13, 2025.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Tervalon to approve the application for a dependent child benefit effective March 13, 2025 for Daniel Jackson.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

### **APPLICATIONS PENDING**

**Kathleen Dominick** application for a line of duty death is still pending for additional medical information.

**Skylar Knight** dependent application is pending for additional information. Gaal noted that most medical examiners perform DNA testing, the results of which could be available to us.

**MOTION:** Moved by Gaal to seek the availability of DNA testing to support the application of Ms. Knight application for dependent benefits.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

### **REPORTS OF DEATHS**

#### **Pensioners:**

**Edward Estopinal** died on May 17, 2025 at the age of 83 leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on April 1, 1963 and retired on January 1, 1985, after 21 years of service. He spent 40 years on pension.

**Henry Mortillaro** died on May 28, 2025 at the age of 75, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on November 15, 1971 and retired on May 15, 2006, after 35 years of service. He spent 19 years on pension.

#### **Widows:**

**None**

**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 May 2025.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**SEB payment history request:** No update provided

**Information for life insurance:** No update provided

**Transfers of contributions from NOMERS** No update provided.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Upcoming trustee election:** Mitchell noted that trustee elections are scheduled for later this year. Election notices will be mailed via USPS and via email to retired members eligible to vote in this election by Fund staff. NOFD headquarters will email the same notice to active members as well. Notices will also be distributed by Local 632. The election notice has also been placed on the website.

**Executive Order 25-038 on Review of Board regulations, Rules and Policies** Mr. Robein discussed the executive order issued by the Governor and provided a plan on execution of the order. Pension Fund staff met with representatives of his office to prepare and update the Board's regulations, rules and policies guidelines. The updated document was presented to the Board for review and approval. A motion to approve the changes will be made at the Fund's July meeting.

## **Expense Committee Review**

Board members Roy and Nelson performed a review of travel, credit card, and Board member reimbursements for the calendar year 2024. Chairman Roy noted that the committee noted no unusual or improper expenditures.

## **LEGAL**

**House resolution 163** – Robein provided the Board with a copy of HR 163 which requests the Legislative actuary, in consultation with actuaries of NOFFP and FRS to determine the feasibility of having members of NOFD moved to FRS. Meagher noted that Aon, the Fund's actuary, has been provided with a copy of HR 163 and contact info for the Legislative actuary. Both parties expect to discuss this matter before the end of July 2025.

## **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. Anderson DATE: 07/09/2025