

# 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:**

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

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Thomas Meagher, Martin Gaal, Roman Nelson, Stephen Roy, Brandon Krsak. Alcide Tervalon and Romy Samuel were 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 12:30 p.m.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Meagher noted that the December Board meeting will be held on December 3, 2025. We will also host our Holiday luncheon immediately after the board meeting.

Meagher also noted that DROP and PLOP balances held on behalf of retired members have been remitted to those members directly or through rollovers when requested. Those obligations totaled nearly \$9 million and amount to less than \$3 million to date. It is expected that those remaining balances will be remitted before year end with the exception of two accounts, which are being depleted through monthly withdrawals by those respective members.

## **REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES**

Meagher noted that the October 2025 minutes require approval with minor changes as noted.

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

**REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Jonathan F. Broom** a firefighter with 1 year of service has resigned. He is requesting a refund of his contributions.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Nelson to approve the refund of contributions for Mr. Broom.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

**CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY**

None

**DROP WITHDRAWAL**

None

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

None

**REGULAR PENSION APPLICATIONS:**

**Leonce L. Arnold**, New Fund Firefighter, age appropriate with 15 years of service in applying for a Regular Service Pension effective July 31, 2024.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to approve a regular Service retirement application for Mr. Arnold effective at July 31, 2024, 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

**Michael A. Falgout**, New Fund Firefighter, age appropriate with 16 years of service, resigned on October 18, 2023 and is applying for a Regular Service Pension effective December 12, 2025, at age 50.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to approve a regular Service retirement application for Mr. Falgout effective at December 12, 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**

**William Prats** New Fund Fire District Chief, age appropriate with 30 years of service is seeking to enter DROP effective November 1, 2025.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Nelson to approve a DROP application for Mr. Pratt effective at November 1, 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**

**Joseph Francis** New Fund Fire Captain, age appropriate with 30 years of service is seeking to enter DROP effective June 1, 2025.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Nelson to approve a DROP application for Mr. Francis effective at June 1, 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

### WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

Mrs. Cynthia Burke is applying for a Non-Duty Widow's Benefit effective November 1, 2025.

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

Motion passed

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Kathleen W. Frisch is applying for a Non-Duty Widow's Benefit effective November 1, 2025.

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

Mrs. Charlene R. Benton is applying for a Non-Duty Widow's Benefit effective November 1, 2025.

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

Motion passed  
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NO OBJECTIONS  
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### APPLICATIONS PENDING

None

### REPORTS OF DEATHS

#### Pensioners:

Richard F. Benton died on October 18, 2025 at the age of 83, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on July 2, 1963 and retired on July 8, 1986 after 35 years of service. He spent 27 years on pension.

Lawrence H. Gipson died on November 1, 2025 at the age of 82, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on March 16, 1966 and retired on February 1, 1982 after 16 years of service. He spent 43 years on pension.

**Walter J. Frisch** died on October 2, 2025 at the age of 75, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on March 13, 1972 and retired on January 2, 2008 after 356 years of service. He spent 17 years on pension.

**Edward A. Burke** died on October 10, 2025 at the age of 78, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on August 22, 1967 and retired on February 5, 2002 after 34 years of service. He spent 23 years on pension.

**Widows:**

**Suzanne P. Aikman**, age 83, died on November 10, 2025. Her benefits began on April 1, 2011, fourteen 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 October 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**

**LEGAL**

Mr. Robein provided an update on revision of pension fund rules.

**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 J. Meagher III DATE: 12/3/2025