

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:

**April 8, 2026
5710 General Haig Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124**

This meeting was available via Zoom.

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

Also present:

**Maria Cangemi, Board Attorney
Paul Mitchell
Jaime Guichard**

A quorum being present, the Board Secretary Treasurer called the meeting to order at 10:51 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

The March 2026 minutes require approval.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to accept the minutes of the March 2026 meeting.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Lavontay Rowan has resigned after 10 months of employment.

Cai Coleman resigned after 15 months of service

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Tervalon to approve the refund of contributions to Mr. Rowan and Coleman.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

Joseph W. Gibson, Jr., Robert Reuther, Jr. Michael Salvaggio have submitted updated beneficiary information.

DROP WITHDRAWAL

Glen Bagert was terminated and therefore terminating his DROP.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Tervalon to terminate the DROP of Mr. Bagert effective December 31, 2025. Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

R.S. 11:3376 DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

Glen Bagert New Fund Fire District Chief, age appropriate, with 30 years of creditable service is seeking a 50% Service-Connected Disability Pension effective January 2, 2026.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Nelson to approve a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension application, heart related, for Mr. Bagert effective January 2, 2026, 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 or 50% of his last month's salary, whichever is larger.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Dave Dixon New Fund Fire Operator, age appropriate, with 18 years of creditable service is seeking a 50% Service-Connected Disability Pension effective May 2, 2025.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension application for Mr. Dixon effective at May 2, 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 or 50% of his last month's salary, whichever is larger.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Pablo Palacios New Fund Fire Operator, age appropriate, with 16 years of creditable service is seeking a 50% Service-Connected Disability Pension effective April 8, 2026.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension application for Mr. Palacios effective at April 8, 2026, 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 or 50% of his last month's salary, whichever is larger.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REGULAR PENSION APPLICATIONS:

None

PLOP APPROVALS

None

REVERSE DROP

None

DROP APPLICATIONS

None

WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

Mrs. Martha Berrigan is applying for a Non- Duty Widow's benefit effective March 1, 2026.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the Non-Duty Widow's benefit effective March 1, 2026 for Mrs. Berrigan.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

DEPENDENT CHILDREN APPLICATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS PENDING

None

REPORTS OF DEATHS

Pensioners:

William S. Adams: died on March 26, 2026 at the age of 83, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on September 13, 1971 and retired on April 11, 1991 after 20 years of service. He spent 35 years on pension.

Widows:

None

MOTION: Moved by Gaal and seconded by Meagher to remove the above noted pensioner 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 March 2026.

OLD BUSINESS:

SEB payment history request: No update provided

Information for life insurance: No update provided

Transfers of contributions from NOMERS

Ms. Rambeau noted that she will have discussions with Jesse Evans at NOMERS with the hopes of having NOMERS prepare the refund check.

NEW BUSINESS

Status of Appropriation Payments

The Fund received March's appropriation during the first week of April. Ms. Rambeau noted that the City is working to make timely payments. Discussion followed on the Old System purchase order for future appropriations was closed. Ms. Rambeau indicated that she would look into that matter.

Cancer Screening

Chief Nelson noted that the State is compiling a cancer data base for firemen. Discussion followed on participation requirements. Chief Nelson noted that the Funds participation requirements with respect to retired members will be forwarded to us at a later date.

LEGAL

Ms. Congemi noted that she has reviewed and approved two QDROs for Mr. Eschete and Bankston. Both parties are active members.

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. Wright III DATE: 5/13/2026