

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 13, 2024
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, Stephen Roy, Roman Nelson, Alcide Tervalon and Brandon Krsak. Romy Samuel was absent (in Baton Rouge).

Also present:

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

A quorum being present, the Board Secretary Treasurer called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

NCPERS. Thomas Meagher provided an update of sessions and conference highlights of the Public Safety Conference.

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

Meagher noted that the October 2024 minutes require approval.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to accept the minutes of the October 2024 meeting.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Nicholas Muse is applying for a refund of contributions.

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

Motion approved.

NO OBJECTIONS

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

Edward Jupiter has updated his beneficiary forms.

DROP WITHDRAWAL

Jay Fielding and **Christopher Wren** have applied for disability pensions prior to completing DROP and require withdrawals from DROP.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Nelson to approve a DROP withdrawal effective October 31, 2024 due to a Disability Retirement for Jay Fielding and Christopher Wren.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

R.S. 11:3376 DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

Jordan S. Angelo New Fund Fire Operator age appropriate, with 12 years of creditable service is seeking a 50% Service-Connected Disability Pension effective December 18, 2023.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve a Service Connected Disability Pension application for Mr. Williams effective at December 18, 2023, 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 highest.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Jay Fielding New Fund Fire District Chief, age appropriate, with 32 years of creditable service is seeking a. 50% Service-Connected Disability Pension effective November 13, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve a Service Connected Disability Pension application for Mr. Fielding effective November 13, 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

Robert J. Pitre New Fund Fire Captain, age appropriate, with 34 years of creditable service is seeking a. 50% Service-Connected Disability Pension effective November 13, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve a Service Connected Disability Pension application for Mr. Pitre effective November 13, 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

Wayne M. Snell New Fund Fire Captain, age appropriate, with 34 years of creditable service is seeking a. 50% Service-Connected Disability Pension effective November 13, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve a Service Connected Disability Pension application for Mr. Snell effective November 13, 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

Christopher D. Wren New Fund Fire District Chief, age appropriate, with 32 years of creditable service is seeking a. 50% Service-Connected Disability Pension effective November 13, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve a Service Connected Disability Pension application for Mr. Wren effective November 13, 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

REGULAR PENSION APPLICATIONS:

None

PLOP APPROVALS

None

REVERSE DROP

None

DROP APPLICATIONS

None

WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

Mrs. Carol Igau (Ronald)-Application for a Non-Duty Widow's Benefit effective November 1, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the Non-Duty application for Mrs. Theriot effective November 1, 2024.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Catherine Squires (Raymond)-Application for a Non-Duty Widow's Benefit effective October 1, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the Non Duty

application for Mrs. Theriot effective October 1, 2024.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Denise Weinmann (John Jr.)-Application for a Line of Duty Widow's Benefit effective October 1, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve the Line of duty application for Mrs. Weinmann effective October 1, 2024.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Eunice Jennings (Clarence)-Application for Non-Duty Widow's Benefit effective November 1, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Tervalon to approve the Non-Duty application for Mrs. Jennings effective November 1, 2024.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

APPLICATIONS PENDING

None

REPORTS OF DEATHS

Members

Ronald J. Igau died on October 6, 2024 at the age of 80, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on August 23, 1965 and retired on October 17, 1985 after 18 years of service. He spent 41 years on pension.

Frank D. Tournier died on October 7, 2024 at the age of 84, leaving no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on July 27, 1967 and retired on February 14, 1996 with 28 years of service. He spent 28 years on pension.

Clarence E. Jennings died on October 24, 2024 at the age of 85, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on August 15, 1970 and retired on July 17, 1990 after 20 years of service. He spent 34 years on pension.

Dennis Knecht died on October 14, 2024 at the age of 67, leaving no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on March 11, 1991 and retired on November 1, 2005 after 14 years of service. He spent 19 years on pension.

Daniel Hampton died on October 24, 2024 at the age of 57. He entered the department on July 1, 2002 and retired on January 30, 2017 with 12 years of service. He spent 7 years on pension.

Widows:

Mrs. Carol C. Matherne died on August 29, 2024 at the age of 80. Her benefits began on May 1, 2007. She enjoyed benefits for 17 years.

Mrs. Laticia Alline died on March 4, 2024 at the age of 80. Her benefits began on August 1, 2023. She enjoyed benefits for 10 years.

Ms. Beverly L. Cordes died on July 7, 2024 at the age of 82. Her benefits began on April 1, 2011. She spent 13 years on benefits.

Ms. Hermine S/. Verderame died on October 25, 2024 at the age of 91.. Her benefits began on July 1, 2020. She spent 4 years on pension.

Ms. Florence F. Schaubhut died on October 30, 2024 at the age of 99. Her benefits began on June 1, 2024. She spent 5 months on benefits.

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 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

SEB payment history request: No update provided

Information for life insurance: No update provided

NEW BUSINESS

Transfer of contributions from NOMERS no action discussed.

LEGAL

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. Meghett Date: 12/11/2024