

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:

August 13, 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 Absent Brandon Krsak and Romy Samuel.

Also present:

Louis Robein and Marie Congemi, Board Attorney
Paul Mitchell
Pam Meyer

A quorum being present, the Board Secretary Treasurer called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m.

Meagher moved to take items out of order.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to take items out of order while a quorum was present. Motion passed. **NO OBJECTIONS**

John Cardinale new fund fire operator, age appropriate with 34 years of service is seeking a Service-Connected Disability Pension effective August 13, 2025.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Nelson to approve a Service Connected Disability Pension application for Mr. Cardinale effective at August 13, 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

COMMUNICATIONS

Meagher noted that the LAPERS conference is scheduled for September 7-9, 2025. All members have been registered with the exception of Samuel.

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

Meagher noted that the July 2025 minutes require approval.

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Sean-Davide J. Richardson a firefighter with 24 months of service has resigned. He is requesting a refund of his contributions.

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

None

DROP WITHDRAWAL

None

REGULAR PENSION APPLICATIONS:

None

PLOP APPROVALS

None

REVERSE DROP

None

DROP APPLICATIONS

None

WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

Mrs. Joy S. Ledet is applying for a Non-Duty Widow's Benefit effective August 1, 2025.

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

Motion passed

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Brenda Wilder is applying for a Non-Duty Widow's Benefit effective August 1, 2025.

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

Motion passed

NO OBJECTIONS

DEPENDENT CHILDREN APPLICATIONS

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

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roman to approve the application for a dependent child benefit effective March 13, 2025 for Skyler Knight.

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.

REPORTS OF DEATHS

Pensioners:

Charles Ledet died on July 12, 2025 at the age of 81, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on October 14, 1967 and retired on September 17, 1988 with 21 years of service. He spent 36 years on pension.

Joseph Wilder died on July 14, 2025 at the age of 83, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on March 3, 1963 and retired on August 17, 1987, with 24 years of service. He spent 37 years on pension.

Earnest J Eck, Jr. died on July 16, 2025 at the age of 83, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on August 8, 1966 and retired on August 18, 1994 with 28 years of service. He spent 30 years on pension.

Donald S. Durr died on July 16, 2025 at the age of 80, leaving no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on April 27, 1970 and retired on February 2, 1996 with 26 years of service. He spent 29 years on pension.

Clifford J Lohman, Jr. died on July 21, 2025. He entered the department on October 5, 1969 and retired on May 8, 2002, after 32 years of service. He spent 23 years on pension.

Widows:

Elaine D. Miller died on June 17, 2025 at the age of 78. Her benefits began on June 1, 2023, two 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 July 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

Election results

Mitchell noted that the current elected Board members were properly nominated and received no opposition, The current Board will meet on August 28, 2025 at 10 am to convene a meeting and be officially seated. Officers of the board will be decided at this meeting as well.

Mathew Meyers Mr. Meyers has returned to service and requested to purchase previous time worked. The cost of this buy back was calculated by staff and presented for payment. Mr. Meyers has remitted the amount due. He is now eligible to have retirement benefits calculated at rates applicable to rates in effect at the dates of the original hire. Mr. Meyers was provided with a copy of the Board resolution which provided this benefit.

LEGAL

Trosclair QDRO Staff seeks board approval of a QDRO which provides for a monthly payment to Mrs. Sandra Trosclair from the benefits due her former husband.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve the QDRO of Mrs. Sandra Trosclair effective with the August benefit payment.
Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Review of Statute 11:3386(A) Staff is requesting that the Board's legal counsel confirm that the benefit calculation of members leaving the department before age 50 with at least 12 years of service is their best 12 months.

Review of Statute 11:3378(g) Staff is requesting that the Board's legal counsel confirm that disability payments to dependent children are not provided to children of retired 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. Murphy III DATE: 9/10/2025