

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:

July 10, 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, Alcide Tervalon, Martin Gaal, Stephen Roy, Roman Nelson, and Krsak. Romy Samuel absent.

Also present:

Louis Robein, Board Attorney
Paul Mitchell
Mark Poche

A quorum being present, the Board Secretary Treasurer called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

Meagher noted that the June 2024 minutes require approval.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to accept the minutes of the June 2024 meeting after spelling corrections noted by Mr. Krsak.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

None

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

None

DROP WITHDRAWAL

Eric Fredrick has elected to end his DROP due to retirement effective July 31, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the DROP withdrawal for Mr. Fredrick due to retirement.

Motion Passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

R.S. 11:3376 DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

Brian K. Sennett, Sr. New Fund Fire Captain, age appropriate, with 32 years of creditable service is seeking a 50% Service-Connected Disability Pension effective July 10, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to approve a Service Connected Disability Pension application for Mr. Sennett effective at July 10, 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:

Eric J. Fredrick. New Fund Fire Fighter, age appropriate, with 31 years of creditable service is seeking a Regular Service Pension effective August 1, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Nelson to approve a Regular Service Pension application for Mr. Fredrick effective August 1, 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

PLOP APPROVALS

None

REVERSE DROP

None

DROP APPLICATIONS

Ryan Woods, New Fund Fire District Chief, age appropriate with 30 years of service is applying to enter DROP effective June 1, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to approve the DROP application for Mr. Woods effective June 1, 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

Douglas P. Balser, New Fund Fire Captain, age appropriate with 30 years of service is applying to enter DROP effective July 1, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to approve a DROP application for Mr. Balser effective July 1, 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

WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

Ms. Dianne Washington is applying for a non-Duty widows benefit June 1, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Nelson to approve the non-duty application for Mrs. Washington effective June 1, 2024.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Lillian C. Pechon is applying for a non-duty death benefit effective July 1, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Gaal and seconded by Meagher to approve a non-line of duty benefit effective July 1, 2024 for Mrs. Pechon.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Ms. Malvina Gallodoro is applying for a non-Duty widows benefit June 1, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the non-duty application for Mrs. Gallodoro effective June 1, 2024.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Judy Calongne is applying for a non-Duty widows benefit July 1, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the non-duty application for Mrs. Calongne effective July 1, 2024.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

APPLICATIONS PENDING

None

REPORTS OF DEATHS

Members

Louis P. Pechon, Jr. died on June 18, 2024 at the age of 83, leaving a wodow and no minor children. He entered the department on August 29, 1962 and retired on March 12, 1997 after 35 years of service. He spent 27 years on pension.

Robert C. Schmitt died on June 19, 2024 at the age of 86, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on December 30, 1970 and retired on July 1, 1991 after 20 years of service. He spent 32 years on pension.

Widow:

Ella E. Foto died on May 18, 2024 at the age of 90. Her benefits began on April 1, 2007,

17 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 June 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

SEB payment history request: No update provided

Information for life insurance: No update provided

Louis Carrier – this member is requesting an appeal of the Board’s decision regarding his disability retirement application.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to go into executive session to discuss matters relating to the Carrier appeal.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to come out of executive session.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Meagher noted that the Board will schedule an appeal hearing at a mutually convenient date and time with Mr. Carrier. Members of the appeal committee will include the Secretary Treasurer and President of the Board as well as one other trustee. Meagher will be responsible for contacting Mr. Carrier for possible hearing dates.

NEW BUSINESS

Meagher reminded the Board that the Public Safety Conference is coming up in October.

LEGAL

None

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. May Jr. III Date: 9/18/2024