

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:

**October 12, 2023
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. Krsak and White were absent.

Also present:

**Louis Robein, Board Attorney
Paul Mitchell
Pam Meyer
Teresa Kehoe
Mark Porche**

A quorum being present, the Board Secretary Treasurer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Small Cap Core presentations will be held on October 19, 2023 from 10am to 11:30 via Webex. Sign-in instructions will be forwarded.

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

Meagher noted that the September 2023 minutes require approval.

**MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to accept the minutes of the September 2023 meeting.
Motion passed.**

NO OBJECTIONS

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. Ethan Thibodeaux is requesting a refund of contributions. He has 3+ years of service.

**MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve the refund to Mr. Walker
Motion passed.**

NO OBJECTIONS

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

Mr. Damon Crutchfield has requested a change in beneficiary forms.

DROP WITHDRAWAL

None

R.S. 11:3376 DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

Darryl J. Keene: New Fund Fire Operator, age eligible with 30 years of service is applying for a 50% Service-Connected Disability Pension effective October 12, 2023.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension application for Mr. Keene effective October 12, 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.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REGULAR PENSION APPLICATIONS:

Douglas Cardinale a Fire District Chief, age appropriate with 33 years of service is applying for a Regular Service Pension effective October 12, 2023.

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

PLOP APPROVALS

None

REVERSE DROP

None

DROP APPLICATIONS

None

WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

Mrs. Carol Ann Chagnard is applying for a Non- Line of Duty widows benefit effective September 1, 2023.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve a Non-Line of Duty widow's benefit for Mrs. Chagnard effective September 1, 2023.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Gail Scheil is applying for a Non- Line of Duty widows benefit effective September 1, 2023.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve a Non-Line of Duty widow's benefit for Mrs. Scheil effective September 1, 2023.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Elaine Miller is applying for a Line of Duty widows benefit effective June 1, 2023.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve a Line of Duty widow's benefit for Mrs. Miller effective June 1, 2023.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

APPLICATIONS PENDING

None

REPORTS OF DEATHS

Members

Melvin W. Schiel died on August 29, 2023 at the age of 86, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on January 19, 1959 and entered after 22 years of service on April 17, 1981. He spent 42 years on pension.

Widows:

Barbara A Bruner died on September 16, 2023 at the age of 83. Her benefits began on July 2019. She received benefits for 4 years.

MOTION: Moved by Gaal and seconded by Meagher to remove the members and widows 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 September 2023.

OLD BUSINESS:

SEB payment history request: No update provided

Information for life insurance: No update provided

NEW BUSINESS

Mid America processing of sick and annual leave

Meagher noted that retiring members have voiced concern over the time it takes to receive sick and annual leave balances being cashed out at retirement. Discussion followed. The Superintendent indicated that he will look into the matter.

LEGAL:

No material matters to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

TIMELY FILING OF APPLICATIONS:

All Members applying for retirement, DROP 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. Meagher **Date:** 11/8/2023