

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:

**January 8, 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, Stephen Roy, Roman Nelson, Alcide Tervalon and Brandon Krsak. Romy Samuel was absent.

Also present:

Louis Robein, Board Attorney

Paul Mitchell

Pam Meyer

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Meagher noted that the next Board meeting will be held February 13, 2025.

Meagher noted that the annual LATEC conference will be held February 26-28, 2025. The Fund will register each member. Conference info will be sent via email.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Nelson to approve attendance to the 2025 LATEC conference.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

Meagher noted that the December 2024 minutes require approval.

MOTION: Moved by Gaal and seconded by Nelson to accept the minutes of the December 2024 meeting.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

None

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

None

DROP WITHDRAWAL

None

R.S. 11:3376 DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

None

REGULAR PENSION APPLICATIONS:

None

PLOP APPROVALS

None

REVERSE DROP

None

DROP APPLICATIONS

None

WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS PENDING

None

REPORTS OF DEATHS

Billie T. Ankesheila, Sr. died on December 9, 2024 at the age of 82, with no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on September 3, 1962 and retired on September 9, 1987 after 20 years of service. He spent 42 years on pension.

Joseph F. Silbernagel died on December 16, 2024 at the age of 95, with no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on April 23, 1953 and retired on May 1, 1978, after 25 years of service. He spent 46 years on pension.

Donald Manalla died on December 8, 2024 at the age of 78, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on June 21, 1971 and retired on June 19, 1977, with 6 years of service. He spent 47 years on pension.

Widows

None

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 November 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

SEB payment history request: No update provided

Information for life insurance: No update provided

NEW BUSINESS

Transfer of contributions from NOMERS Meagher noted that employee contributions that went to NOMERS has not been returned to the Fund. The matter will be reviewed with the Director of Finance. Additionally, pension contributions for Mr. Eisoloeh, due to the City of New Orleans retirement have been paid to the Fund. We are working with headquarters to determine the appropriate action with regards to retuning those contributions. The pretax status of the payments needs to be coordinated with the City of New Orleans personnel.

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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. Meagher II DATE: 02/13/2025