

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:

**April 9, 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 Brandon Krsak and Romy Samuel

Also present:

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

A quorum being present, the Board Secretary Treasurer called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Meagher noted that the NCPERS conference is May 18-21, 2025 in Dever, CO. Four trustees indicated they would attend.

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

Meagher noted that the March 2025 minutes require approval.

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

None

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

None

DROP WITHDRAWAL

None

R.S. 11:3376 DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

Victor J. Lacava New Fund Fire District Chief, age appropriate, with 31 years of creditable service is seeking a 50% Service-Connected Disability Pension effective April 9, 2025.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve a Service Connected Disability Pension application for Mr. Lacava effective at April 9, 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

Ernest J Wehlen New Fund Fire Operator, age appropriate, with 34 years of creditable service is seeking a 50% Service-Connected Disability Pension effective April 9, 2025.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve a Service Connected Disability Pension application for Mr. Wehlen effective at April 9, 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. Mr. Wehlen worked five years past his DROP which allowed for recalculation of his monthly benefit.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REGULAR PENSION APPLICATIONS:

None

PLOP APPROVALS

None

REVERSE DROP

None

DROP APPLICATIONS

None

WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

Mrs. Lynn Clesi is applying for a Non-Duty Widow's Benefit effective February 1, 2025.

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

Motion passed

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Denise Blackwell is applying for a Pre-Retirement Death Benefit by named Beneficiary effective February 24, 2025.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to approve the application of a Widow's benefit for Mrs. Blackwell effective February 24, 2025.

Motion passed

NO OBJECTIONS

BENEFICIARY APPLICATIONS

Mr. Michael Windsay is applying for is applying for a Pre-Retirement Death Benefit by named Beneficiary Benefit effective March 3, 2025.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Nelson to approve the application of a benefit for Mr. Michael Windsay effective March 3, 2025.

Motion passed

NO OBJECTIONS

Mr. Caleb Windsay is applying for is applying for a Pre-Retirement Death Benefit by named Beneficiary Benefit effective March 3, 2025.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Nelson to approve the application of a benefit for Mr. Caleb Windsay effective March 3, 2025.

Motion passed

NO OBJECTIONS

APPLICATIONS PENDING

None

REPORTS OF DEATHS

Active members

Dwayne J. Jackson died on March 12, 2025 at the age of 41, leaving no widow and 4 minor children. He entered the department on August 30, 2010 and had 14 years of service.

Pensioners:

Robert Dudenhefer died on March 13, 2025 at the age of 91, leaving no widow or minor children. He entered the department on February 3, 1958 and retired on December 28, 1987 after 29 years of service. He spent 37 years on pension.

Kathleen C. Nunez QDRO of Sidney Nunez died on March 24, 2025. Her benefits began on April 14, 2021, four years ago.

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 March 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

Upcoming trustee election: Mitchell noted that trustee elections are scheduled for later this year. An election schedule will be provided shortly.

Executive Order on Review of Board regulations, Rules and Policies Mr. Robein discuss the new executive order issued by the Governor and provided a plan on execution of the order.

Investment Consultant and Actuarial Reviews: Mitchell noted that the CEA provides that the Fund seek to review/renew investment consultant and actuarial reviews every 3 to five years. The Fund's actuary and investment consultant have contracts for three years or less. He noted that searches if any will be two years away.

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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. Myhr DATE: 5/14/25