

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:

June 12, 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
Teresa Kehoe

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

Meagher noted that the May 2024 minutes require approval.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to accept the minutes of the May 2024 meeting.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Jamal Douth has resigned with 6 years of service.

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

None

DROP WITHDRAWAL

None

R.S. 11:3376 DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

Peter E. Lindblom New Fund Fire District Chief, age appropriate, with 33 years of creditable service is seeking a 50% Service-Connected Disability Pension effective June 12, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to approve a Service Connected Disability Pension application for Mr. Lindblom effective at June 12, 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

William E. Shanks New Fund Fire District Chief, age appropriate, with 33 years of creditable service is seeking a 50% Service-Connected Disability Pension effective June 12, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to approve a Service Connected Disability Pension application for Mr. Shanks effective June 12, 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

David J. Herbert, Jr. New Fund Fire Captain, age appropriate, with 33 years of creditable service is seeking a 50% Service-Connected Disability Pension effective June 12, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Nelson to approve a Service Connected Disability Pension application for Mr. Herbert effective June 12, 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:

None

PLOP APPROVALS

None

REVERSE DROP

None

DROP APPLICATIONS

None

WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

Ms. Beth Ann Vosbein 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. Vosbein effective June 1, 2024.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Linda Burns is applying for a non-duty death benefit effective May 1, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Gaal and seconded by Roy to approve a non-line of duty benefit

effective May 1, 2024 for Mrs. Burns.
Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Ms. Florence Schaubhut is applying for a non-Duty widows benefit June 1, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Gaal and seconded by Roy to approve the non-duty application for Mrs. Schaubhut effective June 1, 2024.
Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

APPLICATIONS PENDING

None

REPORTS OF DEATHS

Members

William S. Burns, Jr. died on April 30, 2024 at the age of 81, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on January 3, 1963 and retired on January 29, 1990 with 27 years of service. He spent 34 years on pension.

Nathaniel Washington died on May 1, 2024 at the age of 77 leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on March 3, 1986 and retired on February 1, 2013 after 27 years of service. He spent 11 years on pension.

Huey P. Schaubhut died on May 11, 2024 at the age of 95, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on June 7, 1955 and retired on February 20, 1985 after 30 years of service. He spent 39 years on pension.

Fredrick A. Vosbein died on May 16, 2024 at the age of 81, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on November 3, 1968 and retired on August 21, 1996 after 28 years of service. He spent 27 years on pension.

Steven Gallodoro died on May 17, 2024 at the age of 73, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on March 9, 1969 and retired on September 12, 1991 after 22 years of service. He spent 32 years on pension.

Robert Johnson Jr. died on May 5, 2024 at the age of 77, leaving no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on July 12, 1971 and retired on October 13, 2000 after 29 years of service. He spent 23 years on pension.

Shelia L. Hudson, a QDRO died on May 8, 2024 at the age of 71. Her benefits began on May 1, 2014. She enjoyed 10 years of benefits.

Widow:

Delores M. Rasmusson died on May 19, 2024 at the age of 98. Her benefits began on February 1, 1997, over 27 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 May 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

SEB payment history request: No update provided

Information for life insurance: No update provided

NEW BUSINESS

QDRO Shelia Hudson passed away. Pop up benefit to Mr. Lawrence Hudson due as a result of her passing.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the pop up in benefits to Mr. Lawrence due to the passing of his ex-wife.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

LEGAL:

He provided a report on longevity payments and noted that amendments to the CEA are being processed by City Hall.

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:



Date:

7/10/2024