

NEW ORLEANS FIRE FIGHTER'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND

Martin Gaal
Board President

Tommy F. Meagher, III.
Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT:

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Fire Fighter's Pension & Relief Fund

TIME, DATE AND PLACE:

October 8, 2014
3520 General DeGaulle
Suite 3001
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Board President Martin Gaal called the meeting to order. The following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Martin Gaal, Tommy Meagher, Nick Lavene, Angelo Marchese, Tim McConnell and Norman Foster.

Total as follows: Six (6) members present, no (0) member absent. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon.

Also present,

Pam Meyer
Marie Cangemi, Board attorney
Paul Mitchell
Kenny Prevost, firefighter
J. Petruska, retired firefighter
Derrick Francis, Mayor's office
Richard Hampton, retired firefighter

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by Marchese and seconded by Gaal to approve the minutes for the September 2014 meeting.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

LAPERS- Members discussed various conference topics. Members noted sessions on new accounting requirements were most detailed. Additional actuarial work will be needed.

NCPERS- Conference scheduled for October 2014 in New Orleans.

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Michael O'Neill is due refund of pension assessments. Ms. Meyer discussed the nature and reason for the refund.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Marchese to refund the O'Neill overpayments of his pension assessments.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

James P. McReynolds, Matthew Costantini, Rodney J. Savoie, Jr. Albert J. Faciane, Jr., Rhett Buras, and Aaron Mischler have requested changes to their beneficiary forms.

DROP WITHDRAWAL

None

MOTION: Moved by Lavene and seconded by Marchese to go into executive session to review medical documentation and reserve privacy rights to members for Service Connected Disability Pension applications.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

MOTION: Moved by Lavene and seconded by Marchese to come out of executive session to review medical documentation and reserve privacy rights to members for Service Connected Disability Pension applications.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

NEW APPLICATIONS:

Sidney J. Madison: New Fund Fire fighter, age 32 with 10 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective October 8, 2014.

MOTION: Moved by Lavene and seconded by Meagher to approve a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective October 8, 2014.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Paul M. Cureau: New Fund Fire Operator, age 54 with 33 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective October 9, 2014.

MOTION: Moved by Gaal and seconded by Marchese to approve a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective retroactive to October 9, 2014.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Joseph M. Canfill: New Fund Fire Operator, age 58 with 34 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective October 20, 2014.

MOTION: Moved by McConnell and seconded by Meagher to approve a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective retroactive to October 20, 2014.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

During the discussion following the motions to approve the disability applications above, Mr. Foster questioned the necessity of a motion to approve a disability pension when the applicant is receiving a pension benefit calculated using the regular retirement method. He suggested that the motions should acknowledge a regular retirement. Legal counsel noted that the motion to approve the disability application recognizes the member's injury.

DROP APPLICATIONS:

Jeffery L. Clark.: New Fund Fire Captain, age 53 with 30 years of service is making an application to enter DROP.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Lavene to approve the DROP application for Mr. Clark effective October 1, 2014.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REPORTS OF DEATHS

Pensioners:

Salvatore A. Monistere: died on September 5, 2014 with widow and no minor children. He entered the Department on July 27, 1959 and retired after 19 years of service on March 15, 1978. He was on Pension for 36 years and died at age 83.

Widow:

None

MOTION: Moved by Gaal and seconded by Marchese to remove the above noted member from the pension rolls.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

Mrs. Betty Labasse (Claude): Application for a line of duty widow's benefit effective retroactive to September 1, 2014.

MOTION: Moved by Marchese and seconded by Gaal to approve the line of duty benefit for Mrs. Labasse effective retroactive to September 1, 2014.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Peggy Coogan (Thomas, Sr.): Application for a line of duty widow's benefit effective retroactive to September 1, 2014.

MOTION: Moved by Lavene and seconded by Meagher to approve the line of duty benefit for Mrs. Coogan effective retroactive to September 1, 2014.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Cynthia Theriot (Andre): Application for a line of Duty widow's benefit effective retroactive to September 1, 2014.

MOTION: Moved by Marchese and seconded by Gaal to approve the line of duty benefit for Mrs. Theriot effective retroactive to September 1, 2014.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

APPLICATIONS PENDING

Ms. Meyer noted that she sought clarification on benefits payments made on behalf of Karl Thompson, who had two beneficiaries sharing in survivor benefits. She noted that Mike Conefry and Maria Cangemi have agreed that survivor benefits terminate with the passing of the beneficiary receiving the benefit.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Meyer noted that the 66 2/3% hearing for Mrs. Karen B. O'Neill will be held on Thursday October 16, 2014 at 10:30 at the fund office. The hearing committee will consist of Meagher, Gaal, Lavene and McConnell.

LEGAL:

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by McConnell to go into executive session to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to actual litigation and legislation.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Marchese to come out of executive session entered into to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to actual litigation and legislation.

Mischler et al v State of Louisiana et al: The timing of the plaintiff's challenge which was uncertain at this time.

Longevity Litigation: Next hearing is Nov. 6, 2014.

Funding Mandamus: Next hearing set for Oct. 21, 2014. City is proposing adding an additional \$2 million. Fund is seeking to collect \$4 million in 2014 and remainder in 2015.

Rollover application: Maria Cangemi noted that the rollover application was final and ready for approval. McConnell noted that language on the rollover form did not agree exactly to the statutes and requested removal of the word administratively from the rollover form. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Moved by McConnell and seconded by Meagher to adopt the new rollover form after removal of the word administratively.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Other matters:

Norman Foster noted that the Expense Committee will meet on October 16, 2014 at 9:30 am.

TIMELY FILING OF APPLICATIONS:

All Members applying for Pension, 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.

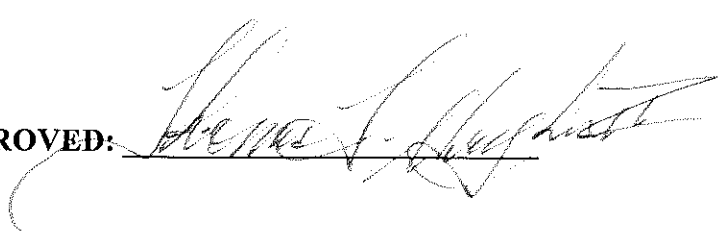
The administrative office will continue to process all paperwork in a friendly, orderly, and timely fashion. We thank all applying members for their continued cooperation. This will enable the Administrative Office and the Board of Trustees to perform their jobs more efficiently.

Members who have recently changed their address or marital status and have not updated their beneficiary form should do so at this time. Please contact the Pension Office during the hours of 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for beneficiary verifications. Your cooperation is appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is November 12, 2014.

APPROVED: _____



DATE: _____

