

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:

**November 12, 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, and Norman Foster.

McConnell was absent.

Total as follows: Five (5) members present, one (1) member absent. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon.

**Also present,
Pam Meyer
Louis Robein, Board attorney
Paul Mitchell
Kenny Prevost, firefighter
J. Petruska, retired firefighter
Richard Hampton, retired firefighter
Nicholas Felton, active firefighter**

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the minutes for the October 2014 meeting.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

Public Safety Conference- Members discussed various conference topics during the investment committee meeting.

Several thank you cards were received from the Cangemi family.

All recertification of disability have been received.

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

None

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

Gerald Raymal, Terry Hardy, Peter Panquerne, and Clifton Moore have requested changes to their beneficiary forms.

DROP WITHDRAWAL

Michael Collogues

MOTION: Moved by Gaal 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 Gaal and seconded by Meagher 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:

Thomas J. Calamari, Jr.: New Fund Fire fighter, age 55 with 33 years of service is applying for a Regular Service Pension effective December 1, 2014.

MOTION: Moved by Lavene and seconded by Meagher to approve a Regular Service Pension effective December 1, 2014 for Mr. Calamari, Jr.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Michael J. Collogues::: New Fund Fire Captain, age 57 with 33 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective November 15, 2014.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Marchese to approve a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective retroactive to November 15, 2014.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

DROP APPLICATIONS:

None

REPORTS OF DEATHS

Pensioners:

John A. Dugas: died on October 15, 2014 at the age of 65 with no widow and no minor children. He entered the Department on September 1, 1973 and retired after 31 years of service on May 10, 2004.

Troy Magee: This active member died at age 39 on October 27, 2014, with no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on May 7, 2001 and had 13 years of service.

William E. Lovering, Jr. he died on November 6, 2014 at the age of 62 with no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on March 10, 1991 and worked 21 years in the department. He retired on February 4, 2013 after spending one year on pension.

Thomas H. Wightman, Jr. He died on November 6, 2014 at the age of 91 with no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on November 13, 1946 and worked 30 years before retiring on July 18, 1976.

Widow:

None

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

Mrs. Salvadore A. Monistere (Janice): Application for a line of duty widow's benefit effective retroactive to October 1, 2014.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the line of duty benefit for Mrs. Monistere effective retroactive to October 1, 2014.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Raymond Boes (Susan): Application for a line of duty widow's benefit effective retroactive to July 1, 2014.

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Gary Thomas (Kathleen): Application for a line of Duty widow's benefit effective retroactive to September 1, 2014. Staff will seek additional information to support the line of duty death benefit.

MOTION: Moved by Marchese and seconded by Gaal to approve a non-duty death benefit and defer action on the line of duty benefit for Mrs. Thomas effective retroactive to September 1, 2014.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

APPLICATIONS PENDING

Mrs. Karen O’Neill (Michael): the hearing committee met on October 16, 2014 to discuss whether Mr. O’Neill’s death was considered duty related which entitle his widow to a 66 2/3% benefit. Medical documentation, civil service decisions and information from the State of Louisiana were provided to the Board supporting the 66 2/3 application. Board members met in executive session. Following the executive session members noted additional discussion and review was needed before a vote could be taken. The matter will be carried over to next month’s agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Wayne Regis: Mr. Regis is requesting that his time with the New Orleans Fire Department be transferred to the City of New Orleans Municipal Employees retirement System in the amount of \$43, 417.70 plus \$8.92 per day in interest until the date of payment.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the transfer of Mr. Regis’ service to the NOMERS.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

LEGAL:

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Lavene 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 Dec. 16, 2014 at 9:30 am.

Funding Mandamus: Next hearing set for Nov. 20, 2014.

First America Asia: Lawsuit resuscitated against the family.

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 December 10, 2014.

APPROVED: _____



DATE: _____

