

NEW ORLEANS FIRE FIGHTER'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND

Martin Gaal
Board President

Thomas F. Meagher, III
Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT:

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

TIME, DATE AND PLACE:

June 14, 2017
3520 General DeGaulle
Suite 3001
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Martin Gaal, Thomas Meagher, Angelo Marchese, Tim McConnell, Nick Lavene, and Derrick Muse. Beverly Gariepy was absent.

Also present,
Pam Meyer
Paul Mitchell
Louis Robein, Board Attorney
Bob Tarcza, Board Attorney
Kenny Prevost, retired firefighter
Richard Connor, retired firefighter

A quorum being present, Board President Martin Gaal called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

NCPERS: Meagher noted that he, Paul Mitchell and Martin Gaal attended the NCPERS conference. Martin also attended the accredited fiduciary certification program. The program consists of 4 sessions, 2 of which can be taken at one time. Participants are tested after the sessions, and a certificate of completion is issued after 4 classes are completed and a 2 hour exam is passed.

Meagher noted that the conference is well planned. There were several interesting and informative lectures. Of particular note was a session on reasons for private equity investing which demonstrated how the world's largest companies were once dominated by energy related entities as recent as 6 years ago. Now the top five companies are dominated by tech related entities, Amazon, for example. Most of which were not around over 10 years ago. Gaal and Meagher also noted that they listened to a presentation which provided members with the ability to do financial planning. Mitchell and Meagher will follow up on the pricing and potential for this software to be incorporated into our program.

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by Gaal and seconded by Lavene to approve the May Regular Board minutes.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

None

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

William Sanchez, Linda Paillet, David Dolive, Sr., Billie T. Ankeshiln, Sr., and Paul Parnell completed change of beneficiary forms.

R.S. 11:3376 DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

James L. Moroney, III New Fund Fire Operator, age 58 with 35 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective June 14, 2017.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Marchese to approve a 50% Service connected disability for Mr. Moroney effective June 14, 2017.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

ALTERNATIVE ELECTION AS PER R.S.11:3376 F (2)

James L Moroney, III is applying for the higher benefit per RS 11:3376F (2)

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Lavene to approve the higher benefit election per RS 11:3376 F (2) for James Moroney which provides a benefit calculated at 2 ½% of the member's average annual compensation for the member's first 12 years of service and for all years or portion of a year of service until the member has reached 50 years of age; and at 3 1/3% for each year or portion of a year beyond 12 years of service and after 50 years of age. If the member has beyond 30 years of service the retirement benefit for each year or portion of a year beyond 12 years of service shall be 3 1/3% up to 100% of the member's average annual compensation.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

DROP WITHDRAWAL effective July 3, 2017

Brian T. Tabor is requesting termination of his DROP period due to retirement.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Lavene to approve the DROP termination request of Mr. Tabor.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REGULAR RETIREMENT APPLICANTS:

Brian T. Tabor: New Fund Fire Operator, age 65, with over 30 years of service is applying for a Regular Service pension effective July 4, 2017.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Marchese to approve a Regular Service Pension benefit calculated at 2 ½% of the member's average annual compensation for the member's first 12 years of service and for all years or portion of a year of service until the member has reached 50 years of age; and at 3 1/3% for each year or portion of a year beyond 12 years of service and after 50 years of age. If the member has beyond 30 years of service the retirement benefit for each year or portion of a year beyond 12 years of service

the retirement benefit for each year shall be 3 1/3% up to 100% of the member's average annual compensation.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Daniel J. Hampton: New Fund Operator, age 50 with 13 years of service, which includes transfer time, is applying for a regular pension effective January 30, 2017.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Marchese to approve a Regular Service Pension benefit calculated at 2 ½% of the member's average annual compensation for the member's first 12 years of service and for all years or portion of a year of service until the member has reached 50 years of age; and at 3 1/3% for each year or portion of a year beyond 12 years of service and after 50 years of age. If the member has beyond 30 years of service the retirement benefit for each year or portion of a year beyond 12 years of service the retirement benefit for each year shall be 3 1/3% up to 100% of the member's average annual compensation.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

DROP APPLICATIONS: Effective July 1, 2017

Russell L. Choina: New Fund Fire Captain, age 55, with 30 years of service is applying to enter DROP.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Lavene to approve a DROP Pension benefit effective July 1, 2017 calculated at 2 ½% of the member's average annual compensation for the member's first 12 years of service and for all years or portion of a year of service until the member has reached 50 years of age; and at 3 1/3% for each year or portion of a year beyond 12 years of service and after 50 years of age. If the member has beyond 30 years of service the retirement benefit for each year or portion of a year beyond 12 years of service the retirement benefit for each year shall be 3 1/3% up to 100% of the member's average annual compensation.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REPORTS OF DEATHS

Pensioners:

John D. Bartchy: Mr. Bartchy died on May 5, 2017, leaving a widow and no minor children at the age of 73. He entered the department on September 2, 1967 and retired on December 27, 2004. He spent 12 years on pension.

Harold J. Smith, Jr. Mr. Smith died on April 27, 2017, leaving no widow and no minor children at the age of 84. He entered the department on December 10, 1956 and retired on January 17, 1982 after 26 years of service. He spent 35 years on pension.

William Sanchez died on May 13, 2017 at the age of 73, leaving one disabled child and no widow. He entered the department on December 13, 1966 and served 26 years. He retired on July 17, 1992 and spent 24 years on pension.

Widows:

Geraldine R. Lisotta died on June 2, 2017 at the age of 93. Her benefits began on July 1, 2001.

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Glenda G. Barchy (John) is applying for a Line of Duty Widow's benefit effective June 1, 2017.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Marchese to approve a Line of Duty Death Benefit effective June 1, 2017 for Mrs. Barchy.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. Edith S. Kinsella (Maurice) is applying for a non-duty Death benefit effective May 1, 2017.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Lavene to approve a Non Duty Death Benefit effective May 1, 2017 for Mrs. Kinsella.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

APPLICATIONS PENDING

None

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Board members were provided with key financial revenue and disbursement figures for the New and Old system for May 2017

OLD BUSINESS:

SEB payment history request: Mitchell noted that the Fund was seeking a response from Mr. McConnell and the City attorney regarding a request for SEB payment information made by workmen's compensation on behalf of the City to 2016 retirees. McConnell noted that he did not receive a response from the Law department and requested that Mr. Robein seek an answer. McConnell noted that the City has hired a new workmen's comp service provider.

Old System Reserve: Meagher reminded the Board that the Old System's reserves will be depleted at year end. Without a reserve benefit payments to the Old Fund members could be missed or delayed if the appropriations are not received timely from the City. He noted that Norman Foster considered returning a reserve amount to the Old Fund earlier this year and asked that efforts be made to consider placing a reserve back in the Old Fund.

FNBC Loans: Meagher noted that meetings continue with the FDIC. The matter was discussed in executive session during the Investment Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wade Schultz: Has requested that his time and credits in our system be transferred to FRS. Our actuary has determined the cost of the transfer to be \$89,985.00.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the transfer of service credits for Mr. Schultz. Motion approved. **NO OBJECTIONS**

2017 Board elections: Mitchell provided the Board with the 2017 election plan for approval.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the election plan. Motion approved. **NO OBJECTIONS**

Life insurance coverage: Gaal noted that retired members have inquired about the existence of insurance coverage for certain retired members of the Department which would have been paid for by the City. More research would be necessary.

NCPERS conference : Meagher noted that NCPERS is sponsoring a conference in San Antonio in October 2017. Martin Gall would like to attend to complete his fiduciary certification. All other Board members are welcome to attend the conference.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Lavene to approve attendance to the NCPERS conference for Board members and staff wishing to attend. Motion passed. **NO OBJECTIONS**

LEGAL:

Mr. Robein led the discussion on the following:

- There has been no response from the City Attorney on the applicable accrual rates for NOFF reinstatements. McConnell indicated that the City attorney is reviewing the matter. .
- There has been no activity in the Mischler matter. Abatement period extends for three years after the last legal action.
- The appeal to the alternative interpretation was filed during April. Oral arguments are possible by late summer
- Answers have been filed in the Lakewood matter. Depositions and ongoing discovery are expected.
- Update filed with the IRS for tax exempt qualification status.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

TIMELY FILING OF APPLICATIONS:

All Members applying for retirement, 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. 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 III Date: 7/13/17