

# NEW ORLEANS FIRE FIGHTER'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND Investment Board Meeting

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Martin Gaal  
Board President

Thomas F. Meagher, III  
Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT:

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

TIME, DATE AND PLACE:

9:00 am October 14, 2015  
3520 DeGaulle Drive  
Suite 3001  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70114

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

Six members present, Muse absent. With a quorum being present, the Board President declared the meeting duly convened to conduct business at 9:06 a.m. The Secretary Treasurer opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen firefighters.

Also present,

Paul Mitchell  
Jon Breth, Bogdahn Group  
Kenny Prevost, Retired Firefighter  
Louis Robein, Board attorney  
Robert Tarcza, Board attorney  
Darren Imbraguglio, Firefighter

## COMMUNICATIONS:

None

**REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES**

Minutes were not delivered to Board members before the meeting. Approval of minutes will be deferred until the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to go into executive session to discuss Falconhead and HCH matters that could result in litigation.**

**Motion passed.**

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Foster to come out of executive session.**

**Motion passed.**

**NO OBJECTIONS**

Robert Tarcza offered the following:

**HCH:** The property is under contract for sale. The selling party and the buying party are working to reserve the right to access HCH land after the sale. The golf course is proposing to purchase the four parcels involved in the discussion. The sales agreement is required to close by Dec. 15, 2015. The purchase agreement signed in March provided for release of escrow (\$50,000) which has been used to pay interest on HCH loan.

**Falconhead:** A meeting has been scheduled for October 27, 2015 with representatives of the WTCPUA to continue negotiations on the water contract. Discussion followed on amounts under dispute and settlement goals. Tarcza and Mitchell were optimistic a favorable contact can result from the negotiations.

Tarcza left the meeting.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

Fund performance - period ended September 30, 2015

Jon Breth led the discussion on the performance of the Fund and provided commentary on the performance of the portfolio. Jon noted that the recent pull back in the market which brisk is not unusual. Historically the markets would produce a pull back every 10 months. There has not been a 10% correction since 2011. Jon expects the volatile environment to continue as a result of slow growth issues in China and economic pressures in Europe and the Euro zone. A global recession is not apparent. Despite the world pressures, he expects the Fed will be accommodating, noting

that the trend for equity markets is higher, emerging markets lower. It is anticipated that the Fed will raise rates by .25% this quarter.

**Fire Flix** Jon has not been able to get a return call from Mr. Tufaro. Mr. Tufaro is expected to attend the Nov. meeting.

**Land Baron**: Bob Tarcza is drafting the sale agreement. The buyers have been out of the country for next three weeks.

**Westwego**: Jon will be contacting Crenshaw before the next meeting.

**Whalehaven**: This pipe (private investment in public entity) investment strategy has a number of investments nearing sale. Liquidation is taking longer than

**Stephens Garage**: Foster is disappointed that this building is not being developed considering the significant development going on in the CBD presently. Jon indicated that an update from the developer will be scheduled.

**Securities lending**: Mitchell noted that JP Morgan Chase has contacted the Fund regarding a \$51,000 obligation outstanding from the securities lending contract. The Fund was paying off the total original obligation from the securities lending matter through securities lending activity of our equity portfolio. That portfolio was sold to satisfy some of FNBC debt at Falconhead. Jon has reviewed the correspondence regarding the transaction and suggests payment of the obligation.

**MOTION**: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to complete the outstanding obligation resulting from the Fund's security lending commitment with JP Morgan Chase. The obligation is not expected to exceed \$52,000.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

Mr. Phil Pries will provide an update on Fletcher issues by phone. Executive session is necessary.

**MOTION**: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to go into executive session to discuss Fletcher matters that could result in litigation.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**MOTION**: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Foster to come out of executive session.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**ADJURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Marchese to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

APPROVED BY:

  
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DATE:

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