

# **NEW ORLEANS FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION AND RELIEF FUND**

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**Martin Gaal**  
**Board President**

**Thomas F. Meagher, III**  
**Secretary-Treasurer**

**SUBJECT:**

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**Firefighters' Pension & Relief Fund**

**TIME, DATE AND PLACE:**

**March 10, 2021**  
**2401 Westbend Parkway**  
**Suite 3001**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana 70130**

**This meeting was held via zoom.**

**The following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Thomas Meagher, Martin Gaal, Stephen Roy, Branden Krsak, Norman White, Alcide Tervalon and Roman Nelson.**

**Also present:**

**Pam Meyer**

**Louis Robein, Board Attorney**

**Paul Mitchell**

**A quorum being present, the Board President called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The OIG has requested additional information. Their review is aimed at our investment process.

## **REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES**

**MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the February 2021 Regular Board minutes and the special March 4, 2021 meeting minutes.**

**Motion passed.**

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve the special March 4, 2021 meeting minutes.**

**Motion passed.**

**NO OBJECTIONS**

## **REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

**None**

## **CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY**

**None.**

## **R.S. 11:3376 DISABILITY APPLICATIONS**

**Kalvin K Koenig:** New Fund Firefighter age 61 with 34 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability pension effective March 10, 2021.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to approve a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension 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 beyond 30 years 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.

**Wayne E. Collongues:** New Fund Fire operator, age 55, with 30 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability effective March 12, 2021.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve a Service Connected Disability Pension 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 beyond 30 years 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.

## **REGULAR PENSION APPLICATIONS:**

**None**

## **PLOP APPROVALS**

**None**

### **DROP WITHDRAWAL**

**Mr. Collongues** is withdrawing from DROP with less than 60 months.

### **DROP APPLICATIONS**

None

### **REPORTS OF DEATHS**

#### **Pensioners:**

**Cammie Ross** died on January 18, 2021 at age 86, leaving no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on December 31, 1962 and retired on August 18, 1987 with 25 years of service. He spent 33 years on pension.

**Paul M. Andrieu, Jr.** died on February 23, 2021 at the age of 69, leaving a widow and one disabled child. He entered the department on April 14, 1975 and retired on September 11, 2012 after 37 years of service. He spent 8 years on pension.

**Robert Martin** died on February 17, 2021 at the age of 87, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on December 26, 1956 and retired on August 17, 1986 after 30 years of service. He spent 34 years on pension.

**Lloyd W. Frisch, Jr.** died on December 13, 2020 at the age of 78, leaving no widow or minor children. He entered the department on December 9, 1962 and retired on October 17, 1986 after 23 years of service. He spent 34 years on pension.

#### **Widows:**

**Mary Lou V. Johnson (James)** died on December 3, 2020 at the age of 87. Her benefits began on April 1, 1999, 21 years ago.

**Ruby D. Labasse (Louis)** died on April 29, 2020 at the age of 90. Her benefits began on July 1, 2014, 6 years ago.

**Annie C. Mahl (Alvin)** died on February 13, 2021 at the age of 89. Her benefits began on June 1, 2010, 9 years ago.

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

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

## **WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS**

None

## **APPLICATIONS PENDING**

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to add Mrs. Gullo to the agenda.

Motion passed

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**Mrs. Gullo** has presented the Board with information confirming a line of duty death and seeks approval for the appropriate survivor benefit. The medical information has been reviewed by Dr. Lutz, whose opinion is provided.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the line of duty death benefit for Mrs. Gullo.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Board members were provided with key financial revenue and disbursement figures for the New and Old system for February 2021.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**SEB payment history request:** No update provided

**Information for life insurance:** No update provided

## **Office Building update:**

Mr. Meagher noted that:

- The variance application is submitted and will appear on the May variance meeting agenda.
- The Neighborhood Participation meeting went on as scheduled with no one signing in to the zoom meeting.
- The building contract has been signed with Kaufmann Construction.

## **Lakewood Restoration**

Mr. Meagher noted the sale of Lots B and C closed on Monday as planned and as discussed in the special meeting earlier this month.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **LEGAL:**

The SEB litigation was decided in favor of the Fund. Member's disability date will remain unchanged. The Fund was requested to pay \$900 in filing fees to process the judgment. Matter is appealed

Citco matter went back to the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit. A different three panel of Judges heard the matter on February 3, 2021.

Triche matter is delayed until June.

Mr. Robein noted that the Longevity payments were mailed on Feb. 5, 2021 to all of the approximately 950 of the 1200 recipients who requested payments be mailed to them.

## **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:**  **Date:** 3/14/2021