

NEW ORLEANS FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION AND RELIEF FUND

Martin Gaal
Board President

Thomas F. Meagher, III
Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT:

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

TIME, DATE AND PLACE:

**July 11, 2018
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, Norm White and Nick Lavene. Derrick Muse was absent.

**Also present
Pam Meyer
Louis Robein, Board Attorney
Kenny Prevost, retired firefighter
Paul Mitchell**

A quorum being present, Board President Martin Gaal called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Marchese to approve the June 2018 Regular Board minutes.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

None

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Tiara S. Lewis and Quinten C. Spears have resigned and re seeking a refund of their employee contributions.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Marchese to approve the refund of the employee contributions.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

R.S. 11:3376 DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Lavene to go into executive session to discuss medical records related to disability applications.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to come out of executive session

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Marcus Grant: a new Fund Firefighter, age 45 with 18 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective June 13, 2018.

MOTION: Moved by Meager and seconded by Marchese to approve the 50% service connected disability calculated at 50% of his last month's pay.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Kevin M. Rogan: a new Fund Fire Operator, age 45 with 16 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective June 11, 2018.

MOTION: Moved by Meager and seconded by Lavene to approve the 50% service connected disability at 50% of his last month's salary.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Numa Jones: New Fund Firefighter, age 61 with 35 years of service is applying for a 66

2/3%Service connected disability effective June 11, 2018.

MOTION: Moved by Meager and seconded by Lavene to approve the 50% service connected disability and to approve the alternative benefit election as per R.S.11:3376F(2) which provides for benefits to be calculated at 2 ½% 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% 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%. Mr. Jones' application for a 66 2/3% disability is denied until the Board's Doctor has confirmed such. The member can appeal the decision.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

Dean F. Marullo: New Fund Fire Captain, age 58 with 36 years of service is applying for a 50% service connected disability pension effective July 11, 2018.

MOTION: Moved by Meager and seconded by Gaal to approve the 50% service connected disability and to approve the alternative benefit election as per R.S.11:3376F(2) which provides for benefits to be calculated at 2 ½% 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% 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%.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

DROP WITHDRAWAL

None

REGULAR RETIREMENT APPLICANTS:

None

DROP APPLICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF DEATHS

Pensioners:

Louis P. Youngblood: Mr. Youngblood died on June 13, 2018 at the age of 84, leaving no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on October 7, 1952 and retired after 21 years of service on June 1, 1973. He spent 45 years on pension.

Peter J. Hemsteter, Jr. : Mr. Hemsteter died on May 26, 2018 at the age of 90, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on February 21, 2050 and retired on June 30, 1971 with 21 years of service. He spent 46 years on pension.

Joseph F. Montalbano: Mr. Montalbano died on June 15, 2018 at the age of 97, leaving no and no minor children. He entered the department on June 14, 1948 and retired on June 28, 1970 after 22 years of service. He spent 48 years on pension.

Widows:

None

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

Mrs. Marion R. Hemsteter is applying for a Non- Duty Widow's benefits effective June 1, 2018.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Marchese to approve a Non Duty widow's benefit effective June 1, 2018 for Mrs. Hemsteter.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

APPLICATIONS PENDING

Duaine P. Daniels: appealed the decision of the Board. We are waiting on additional medical information.

Mrs. W. Wayne Kerth has requested additional time to prepare her appeal in support of her Line of Duty widow's benefit. We have requested an update from her attorney.

Mrs. Johnny Leos : Her attorney has forwarded a request for appeal hearing. We have requested an update.

Mrs. Terrence Gilbert: Is requesting additional time to gather medical information to support her appeal. We have requested an update. Her appeal was dated January 9, 2018.

Mrs. Paul Huff is requesting an appeal of the Board's decision.

Mrs. Wilbur Cook: Sent a letter of appeal to the Board.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Board members were provided with key financial revenue and disbursement figures for the New and Old system for June 2018.

OLD BUSINESS:

SEB payment history request: No update.

Information for life insurance: No update

NEW BUSINESS:

NCPERS conference report: Meagher noted during the Investment Board meeting that he, Gaal and Mitchell attended the NCPERS conference in May. The sessions were very informative and various materials and the conference agenda are available for review in the files and on line.

LEGAL:

Mr. Robein led the discussion on the following:

- The Lakewood matter will reschedule May depositions to August and will be discussed in executive session.
- There has been no action in the Mischler litigation matter.
- The mandamus matter has not been closed by the City. No action on this matter.
- He will move to close the litigation in the First America Asia matter which has had no activity for the last five years. The likely hood of any recovery is not positive.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to go into executive session to discuss legal matters.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Lavene to come out of executive session

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

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. Mangum III Date: 8/8/18