

# 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:**

**November 14, 2018  
3520 General DeGaulle  
Suite 3001  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130**

**The following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Thomas Meagher, Angelo Marchese, Nick Lavene, Derrick Muse, Tim McConnell, Norm White and Martin Gaal.**

**Also present**

**Pam Meyer**

**Christina Carroll, Board Attorney**

**Paul Mitchell**

**Dean Felch, active firefighter**

**Brandon Krsak, active firefighter**

**Steve Roy, active firefighter**

**A quorum being present, Board Secretary Treasurer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.**

Mr. Meagher opened the meeting with the Pledge and a moment of silence for fallen firefighters.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Office Christmas Party:** Mr. Meagher noted that the Fund will host a Christmas party following the December meeting. The cost per person will be \$20.00 Funds collected will be used to purchase food for the party.

Mr. McConnell noted that he will take the necessary steps to have the \$5 million longevity payment made by the first of the year and process the December appropriations.

**REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the October 2018

Regular Board minutes.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY**

Richard A. Jensen, Jr. has updated his beneficiary forms.

**REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

None

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Muse to go into executive session to discuss medical matters of the disability applicant.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

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

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**George W. Delpidio, III:** New Fund Fire Captain, Age 57 with 34 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective November 14, 2018.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Lavene to approve a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective November 14, 2018 calculated in accordance with all conditions of RS 11:3376 which provide for a benefit calculated at 50% of his last year of service or 2.5% of his average 60 month compensation for all years of service before 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 he has beyond 30 years of service the retirement benefit for each year or portion of a year of service shall be 3 1/3%, whichever is greater.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**James J. Mendez:** New Fund Fire Educational Officer, Age 61 with 35 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective November 15, 2018.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Lavene to deny the 50% Service Connected Disability Pension and approve a Regular Pension Benefit effective November 15, 2018 calculated in accordance with all conditions of RS 11:3376 which provide for a benefit calculated at 2.5% of his average 60 month compensation for all years of service before 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 he has beyond 30 years of service the retirement benefit for each year or portion of a year of service shall be 3 1/3%, whichever is greater.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

**DROP WITHDRAWAL**

None

**REGULAR RETIREMENT APPLICANTS:**

None

**DROP APPLICATIONS** effective November 1, 2018

**Peter E. Lindblom:** New Fund Fire District Chief, age 64 with 30 years of service and is applying to enter DROP.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Marchese to approve the DROP election which provides for benefits to be calculated at 2 ½% of his 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.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

**REPORTS OF DEATHS**

**Pensioners:**

**Phillip V. Graham, Sr.** Mr. Graham died on October 16, 2018 at the age of 90. He entered the department on February 12, 1950 and retired after 21 years of service on June 26, 1971. He spent 47 years on pension.

**Widows:**

**Mrs. Elton C. Davis:** Mrs. Davis died on October 1, 2018 at the age of 103. Her benefits began on November 1, 1973. She enjoyed benefits for 44 years.

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

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS**

**Mrs. Emma M. Boesch (Gerald)** is applying for a Line of Duty Widow's benefits effective October 1, 2018.

**MOTION:** Moved by Gaal and seconded by Marchese to approve a Line of Duty widow's benefit effective October 1, 2018 for Mrs. Boesch.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**APPLICATIONS PENDING**

No action necessary

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**SEB payment history request:** Norm White requested some background on this item. Mr. Meagher provided info on the SEB policy and noted that the Fund anticipated receiving SEB payment history from the City which could be used to support documentation received from members. The Fund has signed releases from every member receiving benefits. Discussion followed on the Funds prior attempts to secure info. McConnell noted that the prior City Attorney has refused to release any information because they were not happy with the final policy.

**Information for life insurance:** Norm White was provided with a history of this request. He was told that the City provided life insurance for certain employees who have retired with a disability. The insurance company has prepared a list of the insured based on our conversations with the insurer and the City has refused to provide the list to us. The former City attorney

indicated that we had no vested interest in the data. The Fund's role is to assist all members with getting benefits due them. The insurance company was willing to release the names of the eligible members to us, but the City refused to allow it as well as provide us with the listing that they received.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2018 Appropriation:** McConnell noted that the December Old Fund payment will be made later this month.

**Lakewood:** Mr. Meagher noted that the Fund has resolved its legal issues with Summit. All documents have been filed resolving any outstanding claims against the Fund related to the FNBC loans made by Lakewood Restoration.

**Water Park:** Meagher noted that a follow-up meeting is planned with the Water park officials for some time in January. No date has been confirmed.

**LEGAL:**

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

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal 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;  Date; 12/12/18