

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:

**June 9, 2020
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, Al Tervalon and McConnell. Norm White was absent.

Also present:

Pam Meyer

Louis Robein, Board Attorney

Paul Mitchell

Audrey Plaisance

A quorum being present, the Board President called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the May 2020 Regular Board minutes. There was no April 2020 meeting due to COVID19.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Jeffery Ansardi is requesting a refund of his employee contributions. He left the department in 2016 with about five years of service.

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the refund of contributions to Mr. Ansardi.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

None

R.S. 11:3376 DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

Meagher noted that all disability applicants have provided the necessary documentation supporting their disability to our office. Members have visited with Dr. Lutz and his report is included in folders provided to Board members.

Autrey Plaisance: New Fund Fire Captain, age 57 with 37 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability effective June 9, 2020.

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.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

PLOP APPROVALS

MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve the 60 month PLOP election for Mr. Plaisance.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

DROP WITHDRAWAL

None

REGULAR RETIREMENT APPLICANTS:

None

DROP APPLICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF DEATHS

Pensioners:

None

Widow:

Malvina Ridriguez: died on May 20, 2020 at the age of 90. Her benefits began on October 1, 1988. She collected benefits for 31 years.

Marsha A. Patrick died on May 13, 2020 at the age of 71. Her benefits began on March 1, 2019.

MOTION: Moved by Gaal and seconded by Krsak to remove the above noted deceased member from the pension rolls.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS PENDING

None

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Board members were provided with key financial revenue and disbursement figures for the New and Old system for May 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

SEB payment history request: No update provided

Information for life insurance: No update provided

Building Update: Mr. Meagher noted that NORA's staff is drafting sale documents and Broadmoor Construction is willing to provide a turnkey bid to construct the new office building.

NEW BUSINESS

None

McConnell signed on to the meeting.

LEGAL:

Triche trial is moved to August 2020. The Judge assigned to the case indicated that his son is a fireman, but not in New Orleans.

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. Hughes III Date: 7/8/2020