

# 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:**

**December 8, 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, Stephen Roy, Branden Krsak, Norman White, Alcide Tervalon, Martin Gaal and Roman Nelson.**

**Also present:**

**Pam Meyer**

**Teresa Kehoe**

**Louis Robein, Board Attorney**

**Mark Porche, firefighter**

**Bob Tarcza, Board Attorney**

**A quorum being present, the Board Secretary Treasurer called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES**

Meagher noted that the November 2021 minutes require approval.

**MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Nelson to approve the November 2021 Regular Board minutes.**

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

**REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Eric Watermann** requested a refund of contributions. He resigned.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to approve the refund of contributions.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

**CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY**

Leon Cacioppo, Jr and Richard Lloyd have updated their beneficiary forms.

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

**Peter S. Uli, Jr:** New Fund Fire Captain, age eligible, with 33 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective November 10, 2021.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy 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

**REGULAR PENSION APPLICATIONS:**

**None**

**PLOP APPROVALS**

**None**

**REVERSE DROP**

**Peter S. Uli, Jr.** is seeking approval for a reverse DROP. His original DROP began on August 1, 2018. His reverse DROP will add 7 months to his DROP election.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the reverse DROP election for Mr. Uli.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**DROP WITHDRAWAL**

**Peter S. Uli, Jr.** is seeking a withdrawal from DROP due to his retirement.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve the DROP withdrawal for Mr. Uli.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**DROP APPLICATIONS**

**Sean R. Watson:** New Fund Firefighter, age eligible, with 30 years of service is making an application to enter DROP effective August 1, 2021.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by White to approve a DROP application 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**

**REPORTS OF DEATHS**

**Members**

**Phillip J. Grafe** died on November 19, 2021 at the age of 83, leaving no widow or minor children. He entered the department on February 17, 1963 and retired on February 28, 1988 after 25 years of service. He spent 33 years on pension.

**James P. McReynolds** died on November 29, 2021 at the age of 84, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on June 15, 1959 and retired on March 26, 1980 after 21 years of service. He spent 41 years on pension.

**Widows:**

**Susan T. Boes** died on November 10, 2021 at the age of 71. Her benefits began on July 1, 2014 and were paid for 7 years.

**Carol C. Campbell** died on August 3, 2020. Her benefits began on June 1, 1990, 29 years ago.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to remove the members and widows from the rolls.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS**

**Mrs. Ruth Jean (Nelson)** is applying for a Non Duty Death benefit effective October 1, 2021.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve a regular death benefit for Mrs. Jean effective October 1, 2021.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**Mrs. Norma Jones** is applying for a Line of Duty Death benefit effective October 1, 2021.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Gaal to approve a line of duty death benefit for Mrs. Jones effective October 1, 2021.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**APPLICATIONS PENDING**

None

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

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

**Office Building update:** Mr. Meagher noted that framing, roof and outside coverings are nearly complete. Bricks are being laid in the coming weeks, as well as wiring and a/c work.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**LEGAL:**

The courts have denied the appeal of the SEB offset matter of Segretto et al.

**ADJOURNMENT**

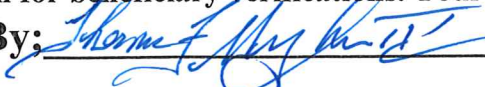
There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

**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: 1/12/2022