

# 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:**

**July 14, 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**

**Maria Cangemi, Board Attorney**

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Meagher noted that NCPERS will host a fall conference in Scottsdale AZ September 26-27, 2021. Members should review their calendars and conference agendas and notify the Fund if they plan to attend. There will also be a pre-conference NAF certification class if members are interested.

Additionally, in compliance with the CEA, the Fund will issue rfp's for investment consultant and actuary.

Meagher also noted that Board members should provide the Fund with personal pictures for the website.

**REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES**

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

**REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Dustin Wedge** has requested a refund of his contributions.

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

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTIONS

**CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY**

Staff noted that Lisa Ruffin Wineburg updated her beneficiary forms.

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

**Nathan Morgan:** New Fund Fire operator, age eligible with 19 years of service is applying for a 66 2/3 Service Connected Disability effective July 14, 2021.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to deny the application for a 66 2/3% disability and 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 or 50% of his last month's salary, whichever is higher..

Motion passed.

Gaal      Objected

**REGULAR PENSION APPLICATIONS:**

None

**PLOP APPROVALS**

None

**REVERSE DROP**

None

**DROP WITHDRAWAL**

None

**DROP APPLICATIONS**

**Glen A. Bagert**: New Fund Fire District Chief, age eligible, with 30 years of service is making an application to enter DROP effective July 1, 2021.

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

**Eric J. Plaisance**: New Fund Fire Operator, 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 Krsak 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**

**Leonard Daigle**: New Fund Fire Captain, 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 Roy 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

**Kelly J. Porche:** New Fund Fire Educational officer, 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 Roy 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:**

**Charles A. Alexis** died on June 8, 2021 at the age of 80, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on July 11, 1967 and retired on January 9, 2000 after 32 years of service. He spent 21 years on pension.

**Earl M. Pansano** died on June 11, 2021 at the age of 90, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on September 1, 1955 and retired on January 17, 1987, after 31 years of service. He received pension benefits for 34 years.

**Michael Tournier** died on June 27, 2021 at the age of 76, leaving no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on September 13, 1976 and retired on August 17, 1981, after 4 years of service. He spent 39 years on pension.

**Widows:**

**Mrs. Edward J. Ray, Jr.** died on June 23, 2021 at the age of 98. Her benefits began on January 1, 1979.

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

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS**

**Mrs. Peggy Pansano** is applying for a Non Duty Death benefit effective July 1, 2021.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to approve a regular death benefit effective July 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 June 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 building permit application is nearly complete. He understands that there is one remaining item of the initial 20 outstanding. The contactor expects to break ground in July.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Pension Board Elections**

Mr. Meagher noted that the Board, in accordance with State Statutes, will conduct an election this year. He provided the Board with election procedures and key dates. Nominations are due

this week.

**LEGAL:**

**Triche** matter is delayed until August 2021.

**SEB** matter is awaiting a decision.

**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. May Jr. Date: 08/11/2021