

# 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:**

**October 13, 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 and Roman Nelson. Martin Gaal was absent.**

**Also present:**

**Pam Meyer**

**Teresa Kehoe**

**Louis Robein, Board Attorney**

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES**

There was no September 2021 meeting due to Hurricane Ida.

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

**Motion passed.**

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**MOTION: Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to approve the minutes of the August 2021 Special Board meeting following the election.**

**Motion passed.**

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

**James Spears, Joseph Thiriot, Dustin Wedge have requested a refund of contributions as they have resigned.**

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

**Motion passed.**

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY**

Staff noted that Anthony Marino and Donald Courtade, Jr. have updated beneficiary forms.

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

**Darren M. Imbraguglio: New Fund Fire Operator age eligible with 35 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective October 13, 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**

**Eugene Richardson: New Fund Fire Operator, age eligible, with 26 years of service is applying for a 50% Service Connected Disability Pension effective October 13, 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**

**Darren Imbraguglio** applied for a reverse DROP prior to retirement which amends his DROP application which began on September 1, 2017 to April 1, 2017.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to approve the reverse DROP application as discussed.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTION

**DROP WITHDRAWAL**

**Darren Imbraguglio** applied for a reverse DROP prior to retirement which amends his DROP application which began on September 1, 2017 to April 1, 2017.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Roy to approve the DROP withdrawal application as discussed.

Motion passed.

NO OBJECTION

**DROP APPLICATIONS**

**Paul G. St. Julian:** 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 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:

**Ronald Helbach** died on August 1, 2021 at the age of 74, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on December 3, 1973 and retired on December 31, 1989 after 16 years of service. He spent 31 years on pension.

**Milton Teen** died on August 12, 2021 at the age of 94, leaving no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on February 12, 1950 and retired on January 1, 1970 after 20 years of service. He spent 51 years on pension.

**Joseph Castle** died on August 15, 2021 at the age of 91, leaving no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on June 15, 1959 and retired on June 25, 1984 after 25 years of service. He spent 37 years on pension.

**Frank Resendez** died on September 17, 2021 at the age of 88, leaving no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on March 31, 1967 and retired on May 17, 1980 after 13 years of service. He spent 41 years on pension.

**Jerry Meyer** died on September 7, 2021 at the age of 74, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on August 10, 1973 and retired on October 17, 1988 after 15 years of service. He spent 33 years on pension.

**Darren Jones** died on September 18, 2021 at the age of 61, leaving a widow and on minor children. He entered the department on March 21, 1982 and retired on June 13, 2018 after 36 years of service. He spent 3 years on pension.

**Nelson Jean, III** died on September 24, 2021 at the age of 72, leaving a widow and no minor children. He entered the department on June 17, 1978 and retired on May 11, 2004 after 26 years of service. He spent 17 years on pension.

**David W. Dolive, Sr.** died on August 31, 2021 at the age of 70, leaving no widow and no minor children. He entered the department on August 2, 1971 and retired on December 17, 1987 after 16 years of service. He spent 33 years on pension.

**Widows:**

**Dagmar R. Byrne** died on July 28, 2021 at the age of 90. Her benefits began on July 1, 2005, 16 years ago.

**Lillian M. Reppel** died on July 22, 2021 at the age of 94. Her benefits began on June 1, 2005, 16 years ago.

**Patricia Falor** died on September 10, 2021 at the age of 90. Her benefits began on December 1, 1993, 27 years ago.

**Belle Tourres** died on September 4, 2021 at the age of 94. Her benefits began on November 1992, 28 years ago.

**Elma C. Lopinto** died on September 29, 2021 at the age of 78. Her benefits began on June 2013, 8 years ago.

**Inez Barras** died on August 20, 2021 at the age of 76. Her benefits began in December 2019, less than 2 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. Maureen Palisi (Frank)** is applying for a Non Duty Death benefit effective August 1, 2021.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by White to approve a line of duty death benefit effective August 1, 2021.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**Mrs. Diane Helbach** is applying for a Non Duty Death benefit effective September 1, 2021.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to approve a regular death benefit effective September 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 August and September 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 ground breaking was well attended by City council members. He expects a slab to be poured within two weeks, weather permitting.

**Election:**

Mitchell noted that results of the 2021 election were included in the minutes of the special board meeting held after the completion of the count. He read the results of the vote count and acknowledged the seating of the Board and its' officers for a new term.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2020 Legislative Auditors Compliance Questionnaire;**

Mitchell provided the Board with a copy of the Louisiana Legislative Auditors compliance Questionnaire completed by staff for adoption by the Board.

**MOTION:** Moved by Meagher and seconded by Krsak to adopt the completed Legislative Auditor's Compliance Questionnaire.

Motion passed.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**Recertification:**

Meagher noted that all disability recertifications have been received.

**LEGAL:**

**Triche** matter is delayed until March 2022.

**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. Neuhoff Date: 11/10/2021