

**Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
of the Employees' Retirement System
of the City of New Orleans
Purchasing Conference Room
1300 Perdido Street, Room 4W05
September 19, 2012
9:00 a.m.**

Trustees Present:

Dr. Edgar L. Chase, III, Chairman
Ms. Lisa M. Hudson, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Norman S. Foster, Treasurer/CFO
Ms. Courtney B. Bagneris
Mr. Robert Gebrian

Others Present:

Jesse Evans, Jr., Director of Employees' Retirement System
Janet H. Easterling, Adm. Support Supervisor, Employees' Retirement System
Kimberly Smith, City Attorney's Office
Jane Armstrong, Phelps Dunbar
Harby Kreeger, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
Michael Kreeger, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
Lyn Brant, Omni
Dorien Nunez, Omni
Lynn Schackai
Theo Sanders

The chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS

Rewrites of Chapter 114 – Pending Meeting with Council Staff no change

City Council Motion to Employ Special Counsel no change.

RFP for Investment Consultant The Board agreed to schedule a special meeting for Monday, September 24, 2012 at 9:00 am pending meeting place regarding the finalists for the RFP Investment Consultant.

COLA The Board deferred until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board agreed to schedule its next regular meeting for Wednesday, September 19th at 9:00 am pending meeting place.

Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
September 19, 2012
Page 2

Disability Requirements Mr. Evans suggested adding additional language to disability retirements similar to what other retirement plans such as “Application for disability retirements shall be submitted by contributing members, along with a report from the member’s physician certifying that the member’s disability totally incapacitates the member from further performance of his normal duties.” A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Dr. Chase to adopt the City of Baton Rouge procedures for disability retirement requirement. The motion passed with four (Mr. Gebrian, Dr. Chase, Mr. Foster and Ms. Hudson) in favor.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Minutes of Meeting for July 18th were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Dr. Chase to adopt the minutes for July 18th. The motion passed with three in favor (Mr. Gebrian, Dr. Chase and Mr. Foster) and one abstained (Ms. Hudson).

Retirements for the month of September 2012 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Dr. Chase to ratify the retirements for the month of September 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of deceased retirees for the month of September 2012 was presented to the Board. The Board received the report of deceased retirees for the month of September 2012.

Status Report on Transfers as of August 2012 was presented to the Board. The Board received the Status Report on Transfers as of August 2012.

Employer Contribution Report for the month of August 2012 was presented to the Board. The Board received the Employer Contribution Report for the month of August 2012.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Budget Committee nothing to report.

Trustees Conference Review & Approval Board members Dr. Chase, Ms. Hudson, Mr. Gebrian and Mr. Foster summarized information received from the LAPERS conference.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Mr. Harby handed out and discussed the Asset Allocation and Strategy Commentary dated September 10, 2012 from MSSB regarding the global economists estimate annual percentage of real GDP in the regions of US, Euro, Japan and Emerging Markets. He suggested that the Board read the Equities bullish and bearish factors on page 2. Mr. Kreeger said on page 3 bond investments are not included in models 7 and 8.

**Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
September 19, 2012
Page 3**

Ms. Bagneris arrived to the meeting.

Michael Kreeger informed the Board about the JPMorgan transition from the old platform to the new platform. He discussed the NOMERS monthly meeting worksheet and the NOMERS Asset Allocation versus the MSSB greater than 20 million dated September 16, 2012. Michael Kreeger made a presentation on the managers' performance.

Headline Risk Committee The Board agreed that the Headline Risk Committee review the BGR report once it is available on retirement plans and COLAs.

Mr. Evans informed the Board that funds are needed for November 1st payroll. A motion was made by Dr. Chase and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to completely liquidate Hancock to cover November 1st payroll. The motion passed unanimously.

Contract Compliance Committee – Status of Contract for Custodian Bank resolved.

Member Relations Ms. Bagneris said that meeting needs to be rescheduled.

Staffing Committee Mr. Evans informed the Board about a request for a new hire of an accountant in the Retirement Office.

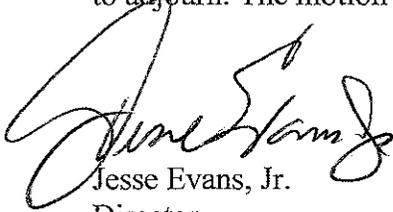
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Foster and seconded by Ms. Hudson to go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting resumed.

No actions taken by the Board on executive session items.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Chase and seconded by Ms. Hudson to adjourn. The motion passed.



Jesse Evans, Jr.
Director
JE/jhe