

**Regular Meeting  
Board of Trustees  
Of the Employees' Retirement System  
Of the City of New Orleans  
Purchasing Conference Room  
1300 Perdido Street, Room 4W05  
June 19, 2013  
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  
Joyce Joseph, City Attorney's Office  
Jane Armstrong, Phelps Dunbar  
Joe Bogdahn, The Bogdahn Group  
Mike Welker, The Bogdahn Group  
Michel Strickland, Mayor's Office

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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board agreed to schedule its next regular meeting for Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am pending meeting place.

**Pension System** Mr. Evans handed out information on the pension computer system and briefly discussed the presentation by Pension Gold. He informed the Board about the current outdated computer pension system that is being used by the retirement office. The Board agreed to forward this item to the Budget Committee.

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**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting for May 15, 2013** were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Ms. Hudson to approve the minutes for May 15, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

**Retirements for the month of June 2013** were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Ms. Hudson to ratify the retirements for the month of June 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

**Report of deceased retirees for the month of June 2013** was presented to the Board. The Board received the report of deceased retirees for the month of June 2013.

**Member Refund Report for the month of May 2013** was presented to the Board. The Board received the member refund report for the month of May 2013.

**Status Report on Transfers for the month of May 2013** nothing to report.

**Employer Contribution Reports for the months of April & May 2013** were presented to the Board. The Board received the Employer Contribution Reports for the months of April and May 2013.

Ms. Bagneris talked about possible early retirement benefits for vested employees due to possible layoffs per City budget issues. She requested that the actuary provide an analysis of costs to the plan regarding early retirement based on Rule-of-65 and Rule-of-70. Mr. Evans will forward something in writing to Mr. Conefry regarding the request by Ms. Bagneris.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Investment Committee - The Bogdahn Group**

**Portfolio Review** Mr. Welker handed out and discussed the Monthly Flash Report as of April 30, 2013.

**International Value Equity Manager Search** Mr. Welker gave an update on the International Value Equity Manager Search and identified eight finalists (Dodge & Cox Funds, First Eagle Investment Mgmt., Franklin Resources, Allianz Global Investors, Harris Associates, Lazard Asset Mgmt., Polaris Capital Mgmt. & Wellington Mgmt. Company). He recommended that the Board interview three of the managers from the international value equity search. The Board

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reviewed each manager's profile, strategy, fee, characteristics and performance. A motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to interview First Eagle Investment Mgmt., Harris Associates and Lazard Asset Mgmt. for the International Value Equity Managers Search. The motion passed unanimously. The Board agreed to interview the three International Value Equity Managers on July 17, 2013.

**Portfolio Roadmap** Mr. Welker summarized a timeline for the next steps related to the investment policy and search guidelines for investments.

**Budget Committee** nothing to report.

**Trustees Conference Review & Approval** Mr. Evans informed the Board that we have not paid annual membership dues to the Louisiana Trustee Educational Council (LATEC) in the past; however, the fee is \$250.00. Mr. Evans said that a motion is needed to pay the LATEC annual membership dues of \$250.00. A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to pay the annual LATEC membership dues for \$250.00. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to approve all Board members attendance at the LAPERS Seminar held in September 2013. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Evans informed the Board of the LATEC Seminar July 15-16, 2013 to be held at the Loews Hotel of New Orleans. A motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Dr. Chase to approve all Board members attendance at the LATEC Seminar July 15-16, 2013 to be held at the Loews Hotel of New Orleans. The motion passed unanimously.

**Contract Compliance Committee** nothing to report.

**Headline Risk Committee** Ms. Bagneris talked about the Board preparing a letter to the Administration regarding the unpaid employer contributions by the city in 2010. A motion was made by Ms. Bagneris and seconded by Ms. Hudson to forward a letter to the Administration regarding the 2010 unpaid employer contribution to the system. The motion passed unanimously. The Board requested that the Headline Risk Committee handle the issue of unpaid employer contributions owed by the City.

**Member Relations** nothing to report.

**Staffing Committee** Mr. Evans informed the Board of 2014 budget limitations for the Retirement Office due to the City's budget issues related to the consent decrees.

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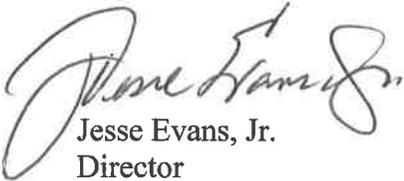
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Dr. Chase to go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting resumed.

No action taken on any items under executive session.

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



Jesse Evans, Jr.

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