

**Regular Meeting  
Board of Trustees  
Of the Employees' Retirement System  
Of the City of New Orleans  
Purchasing Conference Room  
1300 Perdido Street, Room 4W05  
May 15, 2013  
9:04 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  
Brett Hazen, The Bogdahn Group  
Melvin Baker, OCD  
Marina Kahn

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**City Council Motion to Employ Special Counsel** no change.

**JPMorgan – Securities Lending Cash Collateral Fund** Mr. Evans discussed a letter dated April 9, 2013 from JPMorgan regarding the Securities Lending Cash Collateral Fund and Sigma Finance. He said that the value of the Sigma Finance loss was \$216,953. The settlement was \$59,306, and the deficiency was \$157,646 which is the Board's portion. Mr. Evans said that the Board has three options; designate a fixed percentage of the monthly revenue or a fixed dollar amount monthly or pay the full amount. He suggested that the Board designate a percentage of the revenue. A motion was made by Mr. Foster and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to direct Mr. Evans to notify JPMorgan that one percent of the monthly revenue from the Cash Collateral Fund will be used to address the Sigma Finance deficiency. The motion passed with three in favor (Mr. Foster, Ms. Bagneris and Mr. Gebrian) and one abstained (Ms. Hudson).

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**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board agreed to schedule its next regular meeting for Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am pending meeting place.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

Minutes of Regular Meeting for April 17, 2013 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Mr. Gebrian to approve the minutes for April 17, 2013. The motion passed with four in favor (Ms. Hudson, Mr. Gebrian, Ms. Bagneris, and Mr. Foster).

Retirements for the month of May 2013 Mr. Evans informed the Board that there are no retirees prepared to report for the month of May.

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

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

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

Employer Contribution Report for the month of April 2013 deferred.

Dr. Chase arrived to the meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Investment Committee - International Value Equity Manager Search Mr. Hazen gave an update on the International Value Equity Manager Search. He will provide a list of the managers that were eliminated and the possible finalists selected from the search at the next meeting.

The Bogdahn Group- Asset Allocation Mr. Hazen made a presentation of the Asset Allocation as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, and the fund balance is \$345,882,330. He informed the Board that they will review and compare all managers' benchmarks in the fund. Mr. Hazen summarized the current asset allocation versus the target allocation. He discussed the managers' performance as of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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**Budget Committee** nothing to report.

**Trustees Conference Review & Approval** Mr. Foster handed out a report and discussed the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pension and Capital Stewardship Conference held May 1-3, 2013 at the Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Contract Compliance Committee** nothing to report.

**Headline Risk Committee – Securities Litigation Policy** Ms. Hudson informed the Board that the committee had a meeting and discussed the draft policy. She said that the committee talked about the monitoring process, how to select a litigation firm and/or whether an RFP process should be used, and what process should be used when deciding to be the lead plaintiff. She informed the Board that the fund currently uses four Securities Litigation firms.

**Member Relations** Mr. Evans informed the Board that there was a training session held on how to post meeting notices and update NOMERS website.

**Staffing Committee** Mr. Evans requested that two staffers be allowed to work additional hours in order to complete the audit in a timely fashion. The Board agreed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

A motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to move out of executive session.

Marina Kahn made public comment regarding retirement benefits as it relates to spouses.

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

The meeting resumed.

A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to approve the Ordinary Disability for **Thaddeus Pierce** based on the Board's physician report. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Evans, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jesse Evans, Jr.

Director

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