

**Regular Meeting  
Board of Trustees  
Of the Employees' Retirement System  
Of the City of New Orleans  
Purchasing Conference Room  
1300 Perdido Street, Room 4W05  
March 19, 2014  
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, Active Representative  
Mr. Robert Gebrian, Retiree Representative

**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  
Joe Bogdahn, The Bogdahn Group  
Stephen Daste  
Christopher Williams  
Thomas Meagher, Firefighter's Pension & Relief Fund  
Preston Massey, Congruent Credit Opportunities  
Travis Baldwin, Congruent Credit Opportunities  
John Bowman, Crescent Direct Lending  
John Brignora, LBC Credit Partners  
Nate Cohen, LBC Credit Partners  
Philip Krall, Arrowhead Mezzanine Fund  
May Gay, Arrowhead Mezzanine Fund  
Michael Conaton, Cyprium Partners  
John Sinnenberg, Cyprium Partners  
Brian Defee, Captstone Partners  
Alyce Ory, Harbert Mezzanine Fund  
Melissa Babb, Harbert Mezzanine Fund  
Robert Burquin, Harbert Mezzanine Fund

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.

**Transfers** no change.

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**Purchase of Time - Closed Defined Contribution Plan** no change.

**Board Election for Representative Election** Mr. Evans informed the Board that there were two candidates nominated for the Active Representative seat; Courtney Bagneris and Freud Alexandre'.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Date for next Regular Meeting** The Board tentatively scheduled its next regular meeting for Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to be held in Purchasing Conference Room 4W05.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Minutes of Regular Meetings for January 15<sup>th</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup>** was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Dr. Chase to approve the minutes for January 15<sup>th</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed with four in favor.

**Retirements for the month of March 2014** 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 March 2014. The motion passed with four in favor.

**Report of deceased retirees for the month of February 2014** was presented to the Board. The Board received the report of deceased retirees for the month of February 2014.

**Member Refunds Report for the month of February 2014** was presented to the Board. The Board received the member refunds report for the month of February 2014.

**Status Report on Transfers for the month of January 2014** nothing to report.

**Employer Contribution Report for the month of February 2014** was presented to the Board. The Board received the Employer Contribution Report for the month of February 2014.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget Committee** nothing to report.

**Trustees Conference Review & Approval** – Mr. Evans informed the Board that in the package is information on the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement System (NCPERS) Annual Conference and Exhibition April 26 – May 1, 2014 in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Evans requested to attend the NCPERS Annual Conference instead of the Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossman seminar March 31 – April 1, 2014 in New York. A motion was made by Mr. Foster

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and seconded by Dr. Chase to approve Mr. Evans attending the NCPERS Annual Conference instead of the Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossman seminar. The motion passed with four in favor.

**Contract Compliance Committee**- nothing to report.

**Headline Risk Committee** – Mr. Evans informed the Board that the XM Satellite Radio case will not move forward.

**Member Relations Committee** – nothing to report.

**Staffing Committee** - nothing to report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Foster and seconded by Dr. Chase to go into executive session. The motion passed with four in favor.

The meeting resumed.

A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to approve the Ordinary Disability for **Debra Gilbert** based on the Board's physician report. The motion passed with four in favor.

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE – The Bogdahn Group**

**Interviews for Middle Market Debt** – Congruent Credit Opportunities, Crescent Direct Lending and LBC Credit Partners made presentations related to middle market debt. Mr. Bogdahn summarized the senior focused middle market debt managers. He said that 5% of the fund which is \$18 million would be invested in middle market debt. The Board discussed the presentations.

Ms. Bagneris and Ms. Hudson left the meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Chase and seconded by Mr. Foster to break for lunch. The motion passed with three in favor (Dr. Chase, Mr. Foster and Mr. Gebrian)

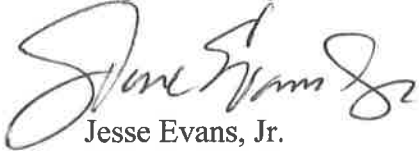
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Arrowhead Mezzanine Fund, Cyprium Investor and Harbert Mezzanine Fund made presentations related to middle market debt. The Board discussed the presentations. A motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Mr. Gebrian to invest 70% of the 5% allocation with Crescent Direct Lending and 30% of the 5% allocation with Cyprium Investment for middle market debt managers. The motion passed unanimously.

**Added Value Real Estate Managers** Mr. Bogdahn handed out information on allocation options for real estate managers for the Board to review.

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



Jesse Evans, Jr.  
Director

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