

**Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Of the Employees' Retirement System
Of the City of New Orleans
Purchasing Conference Room
1300 Perdido Street, Room 4W05
January 21, 2015
9:02 a.m.**

Trustees Present:

Dr. Edgar L. Chase, III, Chairman
Ms. Lisa M. Hudson, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Norman S. Foster, Treasurer/CFO
Mr. Robert Gebrian, Retiree Representative
Ms. Courtney B. Bagneris, Active 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
Joe Bogdahn, The Bogdahn Group
Ian Jones, The Bogdahn Group
Jane Armstrong, Phelps Dunbar
Thomas Meagher, NOFFPF
Brian Firstley, CAO
Doran Nunez
Ty Brandt
Toni Antrum
Robert McClendon, Times Picayune/Nola.com
Lee Harper, Southeastern Asset Management
James O'Mealia, Sunnymeth Asset Management
The chairman called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

OLD BUSINESS

Rewrites of Chapter 114 Mr. Evans informed the Board that the rewrites of Chapter 114 will possibly be introduced to the Governmental Relations Committee at its next meeting, pending their agenda.

City Council Motion to Employ Special Counsel Mr. Evans informed the Board that the motion was approved by the Governmental Relations Committee and forwarded to the City Council.

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NEW BUSINESS

N. O. Firefighters' Pension & Relief Fund Staff – Request to join the plan Mr. Evans said that this is a request from the N. O. Firefighters' Pension & Relief Fund for their four staffers, who do not belong to any retirement system. He informed the Board that there are outside Boards that are members of the plan. Mr. Evans informed the Board that the N. O. Firefighters' Pension & Relief Fund will have to go before the City Council for approval to join the plan. He asked Ms. Armstrong for a legal review of this request. The Board deferred this request.

Date for next Regular Meeting The Board tentatively scheduled its next regular meeting for Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 9:00 am to be held in Purchasing Conference Room 4W05

Mr. Foster arrived to the meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Minutes of Regular Meeting for December 10, 2014 A motion was made by Dr. Chase and seconded by Mr. Gebrian to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting for December 10, 2014. The motion passed with four in favor.

Retirements for the month of January 2015 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 January 2015. The motion passed with four in favor.

Report of deceased retirees for the month of January 2015 was presented to the Board. The Board received the report of deceased retirees for the month of January 2015.

Member Refunds Reports for the month of December 2014 was presented to the Board. The Board received the member refunds reports for the month of December 2014.

Status Reports on Transfers for the month of December 2014 was presented to the Board. The Board received the status reports on transfers for the months of December 2014.

Ms. Hudson arrived to the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Investment Committee – The Bogdahn Group

Mr. Bogdahn informed the Board about the change in control at the Bogdahn Group and that Ian Jones will be the representative for the Board. Mr. Evans said that in the package is the client consent and acceptance of the change in control at the Bogdahn Group which needs to be signed by Dr. Chase. A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to approve the client consent and acceptance of the change in control at the Bogdahn Group. The motion passed unanimously.

Performance Report - Mr. Jones made a presentation on the Monthly Flash Report ending November 30st for the managers' performance. He informed the Board that \$9 million is needed for the capital call commitment for Principal. Mr. Jones suggested that the funds be taken from Intech, Wedge, Southeastern and Cornerstone. Mr. Evans suggested that the Board identify a funding source for capital calls. Dr. Chase requested that the Board move to the presentations.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Jones briefly summarized background information on Southeastern Asset Management and Sunnymeth Asset Management.

Southeastern Asset Management Ms. Harper made a presentation on the portfolio at Southeastern Asset Management.

Sunnymeth Asset Management Mr. O'Mealia made a presentation on the portfolio at Sunnymeth Asset Management.

Mr. Evans informed the Board that a funding source is needed for capital calls. Mr. Jones recommended taking funds from Intech, Wedge, Southeastern and Cornerstone. The Board agreed not to take funds from Cornerstone. A motion was made by Dr. Chase and seconded by Mr. Gebrian to take the funds on a proportionate basis on market value index from Intech, Wedge and Southeastern for a total of \$9 million for the capital calls. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Committee

Trustee Conference Review & Approval – Dr. Chase informed the Board that he will be attending the 21st Annual Beneficial Owner's International Securities Lending & Collateral Management Conference held January 26-28, 2015 in San Francisco, California.

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Mr. Evans handed out information on the 2015 LATEC Mardi Gras Conference regarding room reservations. Mr. Foster said that because the conference is local, Mr. Evans does not need to reserve a room. The Board reviewed the 2015 LATEC Mardi Gras Conference room reservation for Mr. Evans. No action was taken.

2015 Retirement Budget Mr. Evans briefly discussed the 2015 Retirement Budget which was presented to the Budget Committee on Friday, January 16, 2015. A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to approve the estimated 2015 Retirement budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Relations Committee

Proposed Plan Changes Mr. Evans handed out and discussed the list of proposed plan changes that was forwarded to Mr. Conefry for an actuarial analysis; however, Mr. Conefry will wait until the new census data is collected before completing the analysis. Ms. Armstrong said that she will review the last two items on list of proposed plan changes, because it will affect current members.

Mr. Evans informed the Board that Council President Stacy Head forwarded a letter addressed to Ms. Bagneris regarding allowing the Kapoor Company to review the plan. The Board agreed to invite Kapoor to a future meeting.

Contract Compliance Committee nothing to report.

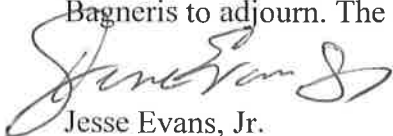
Headline Risk Committee – nothing to report.

Toni Antrum made public comments to the Board.

Staffing Committee nothing to report.

Mr. McClendon inquired about what action the Board took regarding the request from N. O. Firefighters' Pension & Relief Fund staff to join the plan. Ms. Bagneris said that the Board only received the request no action was taken.

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.

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