

**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 18, 2015
9:01 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
Jane Armstrong, Phelps Dunbar
Ian Jones, The Bogdahn Group
Ed Peterson, JPMorgan Chase
Louis Robein
Thomas Meagher, NOFF&PF
Charles Maldonado
Stephen Daste
Doran Nunez
Toni Hackett
John A. Washington
Robert McClendon, Times Picyune/Nola.com

The chairman called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

OLD BUSINESS

Rewrites of Chapter 114 Mr. Evans informed the Board that the rewrites of Chapter 114 will be presented to the Governmental Affairs Committee.

Board Election for the Retiree Representation Seat Ms. Hudson informed the Board that announcements were mailed out regarding the nomination period for the Retiree Representative seat. She said that Mr. Evans had a question as to whether beneficiaries can vote in this election. Ms. Smith informed the Board that Mr. Evans submitted a formal request to the City Attorney's Office regarding whether beneficiaries or spouses who are receiving benefits can vote in this election. She said that section 114-87 states that person is elected by "retiree members" of the system. Beneficiaries are not included within the definition of members of the system." Mr. Evans suggested that the Board change the election announcement from all retirees to all retiree members. The Board agreed. Ms. Hudson will make the change going forward.

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The Board agreed to defer - New Orleans Firefighters' Pension Staff request to join NOMERS until the attorney for the Firefighter's arrive.

NEW BUSINESS

Date for next Regular Meeting The Board tentatively scheduled its next regular meeting for Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 9:00 am to be held in Purchasing Conference Room 4W05

MONTHLY REPORTS

Minutes of Regular Meeting for January 21, 2015 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting for January 21, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

Retirements for the month of March 2015 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to ratify the retirements for the month of March 2015. The motion passed with four in favor (Mr. Gebrian, Ms. Bagneris, Ms. Hudson and Dr. Chase) and one abstained (Mr. Foster).

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

Member Refunds Report for the month of February 2015 was presented to the Board. The Board received the member refunds report for the month of February 2015.

Status Report on Transfers for the month of February 2015 was presented to the Board. The Board received the status report on transfers for the months of February 2015.

Employer Contribution Report for the month of January 2015 was presented to the Board. The Board received the Employer Contribution Report for the month of January 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board agreed to move to - Budget Committee - Trustee Conference Review & Approval – Mr. Evans said that all board members are registered for NCPERS 2015 Annual Conference held May 3-7, 2015 at the Hilton New Orleans.

The Board agreed to move to - Contract Compliance Committee – Mr. Evans informed the Board that there were two respondents to the RFP for Tax Consultant and that a Selection Committee meeting will need to be scheduled.

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Headline Risk Committee Ms. Hudson informed the Board that a Headline Risk Committee meeting held on March 10, 2015 to review the 4th Quarter Securities Litigation reports for 2014 and discussed the recent headlines regarding NOMERS.

Staffing Committee nothing to report.

Member Relations Committee – JPMorgan – Ed Peterson – Benefit Payments Mr. Evans informed the Board that JPMorgan mailed 2,524 1099-R statements and 13 were coded incorrectly. He requested that Mr. Peterson attend the meeting to address the Board regarding the error. Mr. Peterson said that they have not determined the reason for error but are still researching. He said what they have in place is an error report that would detect problems. Mr. Peterson informed the Board that they have implemented reviewing those reports monthly, in order to prevent errors. Mr. Gebrian asked whether those retirees were notified of the error with the previous 1099s. Mr. Peterson said that those retirees were not informed by JPMorgan, but if Mr. Evans wants, a letter can be drafted to them. Mr. Gebrian expressed concerns for the retirees who have filed their taxes and were unaware of the error with the 1099s. Ms. Bagneris said that it is important that letters go out to those retirees regarding the error of the 1099s. The Board requested that JPMorgan notify those retirees in writing of the 1099 error.

Dr. Chase said that he wanted the public and City of New Orleans know that we are exploring every option to ensure that the Board is prudent with investments, use of public funds, cost structure, number of money managers, and passive versus active management approaches. Mr. Evans said that the Board needs to outline the scope of what they are looking to do. A motion was made by Dr. Chase and seconded by Mr. Gebrian to forward this task of exploring options regarding investments, the use of public funds, review cost structure, number of money managers, and passive versus active management approaches to the Member Relations Committee. The motion passed unanimous.

New Orleans Firefighters' Pension Staff request to join NOMERS Mr. Evans gave background information on the request from the N. O. Firefighters' Pension for their four staffers, who do not belong to any retirement system. He said that Chapter 114 talked about City employees and those that are judicial officers or parochial can be members of the system. Mr. Foster suggested talking to the Board of Trustees of the Firefighters' Retirement System regarding allowing these staffers to join their system. The Board requests a legal opinion from the City Attorney on this item.

Ms. Hackett made public comment.

Mr. Nunez made public comment.

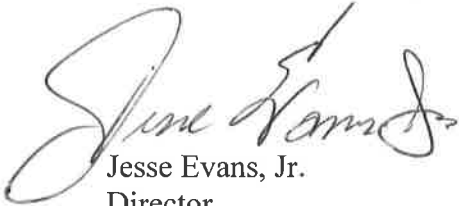
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Investment Committee – The Bogdahn Group

Performance Report - Mr. Jones made a presentation on the Monthly Flash Report ending January 31st for the managers' performance.

Active versus Passive Management – Mr. Jones made a presentation on Active versus Passive Management.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jesse Evans, Jr.", written in black ink.

Jesse Evans, Jr.
Director

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