Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Of the Employees' Retirement System
Of the City of New Orleans
Purchasing Conference Room
1300 Perdido Street, 4W05
April 19, 2018
9:36am

Trustees Present:

Dr. Edgar L. Chase, III, Chairman Ms. Lisa M. Hudson, Vice Chairperson Ms. Courtney B. Bagneris, Active Representative Ms. Marina M. Kahn, Retiree Representative

Absent Trustees:

Ms. Beverly B. Gariepy, Treasurer/CFO

Others Present:

Jesse Evans, Jr., Director of Employees' Retirement System Janet H. Easterling, Administrative Support Supervisor Ian Jones, AndCo Consultant Bernard Robertson, RWA Kimberly Smith, City Attorney's Office Jason Burge, Fishman Haygood Katie Lasky, Lasky Murphy, LLC – Conference Call

The chairman called the meeting to order at 9:36 am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dr. Chase and seconded by Ms. Hudson to go into executive session. The motion passed with four in favor (Dr. Chase, Ms. Hudson and Ms. Bagneris).

The meeting resumed.

<u>Fishman Haygood - Update</u> A motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to enter into mediation with the City of New Orleans to recover passed contributions owed to the Employees' Retirement System. The motion passed with three in favor (Ms. Hudson, Ms. Bagneris and Dr. Chase).

OLD BUSINESS

<u>Status of RFP for Actuary Services</u> Mr. Evans said that the Selection Committee selected Segal for actuary services. He said that a vote is needed from the Board on the recommendation from the Selection Committee to enter into negotiations with Segal. A motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to authorize Mr. Evans to enter into negotiations with Segal for Actuary Services for Employees' Retirement System. The motion passed with three in favor (Ms. Hudson, Ms. Bagneris and Dr. Chase). Dr. Chase said that he would like to thank the firms who submitted for the actuary services. Mr. Evans said that the Board's current actuary will continue through this audit.

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<u>Status of the Retiree Representative Election</u> Mr. Evans informed the Board that the current retiree representative, Ms. Kahn, was the only candidate who submitted the required twenty-five signatures for the election.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Date for next regular meeting</u> The Board's next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 23, 2018 at 9:30am with the location to be determined.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Kahn arrived to the meeting.

Investment Committee – AndCo Consultant

<u>Performance Report for February 28, 2018</u> Mr. Jones handed out and discussed the investment performance report dated February 28, 2018. He talked about the year-to-date index returns for equities and fixed income. Mr. Jones said that the total fund assets at the end of February were approximately \$378 million excluding the funds in the LAMP account. He made a presentation on the year-to-date managers' performance, as of February 28, 2018. Mr. Jones said that active managers outperformed passive managers.

Global Tactical Asset Allocation (GTAA) Mr. Jones handed out and discussed GTAA's possible funding options. He said under option 1, terminate Ashmore emerging market fixed income, reduce total fixed income target from 25% to 20%, reduce hedge fund target from 5% to 1.5% and establish GTAA target at 8.5%. Mr. Jones discussed 2 examples of managers' exposure with GTAA. He said the total fund allocation with GTAA disaggregated is 61.9%. Ms. Hudson expressed concerns with investing in GTAA. She said that the GTAA investments are similar to the hedge funds, which the Board is getting out of. Mr. Jones said that GTAA is liquid daily, fees are a fraction of hedge fund managers and has a ten year investment record. He said that GTAA is a very good risk-adjusted performer, dealing in the liquid market, long only market and small alternative allocations.

RFP for Global Tactical Asset Allocation (GTAA) A motion was made by Ms. Bagneris and seconded by Dr. Chase to move forward with the RFP for GTAA. The motion passed with three in favor (Ms. Bagneris, Dr. Chase and Ms. Kahn) and one opposed (Ms. Hudson). Mr. Evans and Mr. Jones will prepare the RFP and post it.

Budget Committee - Trustees Conference Review & Approval no requests.

Member Relations Committee nothing to report.

Contract Compliance Committee nothing to report.

Headline Risk Committee nothing to report.

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Governance Committee nothing to report.

Staffing Committee nothing to report.

MONTHLY REPORTS

<u>Minutes of Regular Meeting for March 20, 2018</u> was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Chase and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting for March 20, 2018. The motion passed unanimously. (Dr. Chase, Ms. Bagneris Ms. Kahn and Ms. Hudson).

<u>Retirements for the month of April 2018</u> was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Dr. Chase to ratify the retirements for the month of April 2018. The motion passed unanimously (Ms. Hudson, Dr. Chase, Ms. Bagneris and Ms. Kahn).

Report of deceased retirees for the month of April 2018 was presented to the Board. The Board received the report of deceased retirees for the month of April 2018.

<u>Status Reports on Transfers for the month of March 2018</u> were presented to the Board. The Board received the status reports on transfers for the months of March 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Dr. Chase to go into executive session. The motion passed with four in favor (Ms. Hudson, Dr. Chase. Ms. Kahn and Ms. Bagneris).

The meeting resumed.

Williams vs CNO, Evans, Gariepy, G. Williams no action taken.

<u>Ordinary Disability – Gloria M. Treaudo</u> A motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Dr. Chase to approve the Ordinary Disability Retirement for **Gloria M. Treaudo** based on the Board's physician report. The motion passed with four in favor (Ms. Hudson, Dr. Chase, Ms. Bagneris and Ms. Kahn).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to adjourn. The motion passed with four in favor (Ms. Hudson, Ms. Bagneris, Ms. Kahn, and Dr. Chase).

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