# REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

# CITY OF NEW ORLEANS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURCHASING CONFERENCE ROOM 1300 PERDIDO STREET, 8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM FEBRUARY 13, 2020

**Trustees Present:** 

Dr. Edgar L. Chase, III, Chairman

Ms. Lisa M. Hudson, Vice Chairperson

Mr. Norman L. White, Treasurer/CFO

Ms. Courtney B. Bagneris, Active Employees' Representative

### **Absent Trustee:**

Ms. Marina M. Kahn, Retired Employees' Representative

#### **Others Present:**

Jesse Evans, Jr., Director, Employees' Retirement System Ian Jones, AndCo, Consultant Gwelda Swilley, AndCo, Consultant Bernard Robertson, Robertson Wealth Advisors Jeff Williams, Segal Consultiing Kevin Hill, City Attorney's Office Jane Armstrong, Phelps Dunbar Karl Connor, The Connor Group

The chairman called the meeting to order at 9:39am.

A motion made was made by Ms. Bagneris to take up the Monthly Reports agenda item first. The motion was seconded by Lisa Hudson. The motion passed with three in favor (Dr. Chase, Ms. Bagneris, Ms. Hudson)

Minutes of Regular Meeting – November 20, 2019 and January 15, 2020 – Motion to approve by Ms. Bagneris and seconded by Ms Hudosn. The motion passed with three in favor (Dr. Chase, Ms. Bagneris, Ms. Hudson)

**Board to Ratify Retirements** – December 2019, January 2020, February 2020 – Motion to approve by Dr. Chase and seconded by Ms. Hudson. The motion was passed with three in favor (Dr. Chase, Ms. Bagneris, Ms. Hudson)

**Deceased Reports -** December 2019, January 2020, February 2020 - Marked received. **Transfer Report -** February 2020 - Mark received

Mr. White arrived at 9:49am

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## Actuarial Presentation - Segal Consulting - Jeffrey Williams

A presentation on the amortization methodologies with some sample projections was made by Mr. Williams from Segal Consulting. The presentation covered projections based on different amortization methodologies, a summary of recommended assumptions with the associated costs. The presentation also included the reasons to adopt the recommended assumptions and the impact of the proposed assumption changes and some potential plan changes. A board discussion with Mr. Williams followed. Following the discussion, the board requested some revised projections based upon a twenty-five year amortization time frame. The projections are to include the proposed plan changes.

A motion was made by Dr. Chase to write-off the IIG investment with the potential for some level of recovery. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bagneris. The motion passed with four in favor (Dr. Chase, Ms. Hudson, Ms. Bagneris, Mr. White).

<u>Date for the next regular meeting</u> The board's next regular meeting is scheduled for, Tuesday, March 17th at 9:30am. The location is to be determined.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

## **Investment Committee - AndCo Consulting - Ian Jones**

Mr. Jones discussed the investment performance through December 31, 2019. He further discussed interest rate movement, possible risk factors in the market, prior year market leaders and the overall performance of the economy. Mr. Jones continued his detailed discussion of the portfolio focusing on the outlook for 2020.

A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Government Sponsored Securities (GSE) Bond Litigation was made by Ms. Bagneris. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hudson. The motion passed with three in favor (Dr. Chase, Ms. Bagneris, Ms. Hudson)

### **Executive Session concluded**

A motion was made by Ms. Bagneris to add The Connor Group to the board's list of securities litigation firms. The motion was seconded by Dr. Chase. The motion passed with three in favor (Dr. Chase, Ms. Bagneris, Ms. Hudson)

A motion was made by Dr. Chase to hire the Connor Group to represent the retirement system in the Government Sponsored Securities (GSE) Bond Litigation. The motion was

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seconded by Ms. Bagneris. The motion passed with three in favor (Dr. Chase, Ms. Bagneris, Ms. Hudson)

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

The meeting ended at 11:12am

Jesse Evans, Jr.

Director