

**Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Of the Employees' Retirement System
Of the City of New Orleans
Purchasing Conference Room
1300 Perdido Street, Room 4W05
November 20, 2013
9:00 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

Absent Trustee:

Ms. Courtney B. Bagneris

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
Michael A. Conefry, Conefry & Company, LLC
Joe Bogdahn, The Bogdahn Group

The chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS

Rewrites of Chapter 114 – Pending Meeting with Council Staff Mr. Evans informed the Board that the final review of Chapter 114 has been completed and ready to be forwarded to the Councilmember Head for the Pension Committee. Dr. Chase requested that Mr. Evans forward the final review of Chapter 114 to the Board.

City Council Motion to Employ Special Counsel no change.

NEW BUSINESS

Transfers Mr. Evans discussed how transfer percentages are performed regarding retirement calculations for benefits. Mr. Conefry informed the Board that the State Statute related to transfers indicates that the percentage from the transferring system should be used for retirement calculations. Mr. Evans informed the Board of the under and over payment of retirement benefits for those who transferred creditable service. Dr. Chase requested that the Mr. Conefry provide the cost for the underpayments on transfers at the next meeting. The Board discussed the error code in Chapter 114 that allows for benefit corrections. Ms. Armstrong suggested that the Board create a fixed proposal for under and over payment related to transfers.

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The Board tentatively schedule its next regular meeting for Wednesday, December 11th at 9:00 am to be held in Purchasing Conference Room 4W05.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Minutes of Regular Meeting for October 16th were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Chase and seconded by Ms. Hudson to approve the minutes for October 16th. The motion passed with four in favor.

Retirements for the month of November were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Mr. Gebrian to ratify the retirements for the month of November 2013. The motion passed with four in favor.

Report of deceased retirees for the month of November 2013 was presented to the Board. The Board received the report of deceased retirees for the month of November 2013.

Member Refund Report for the month of October 2013 was presented to the Board. The Board received the member refund report for the month of October 2013.

Status Report on Transfers for the month of October 2013 was presented to the Board. The Board received the status report on transfer for the month of October 2013.

Employer Contribution Report for the month of October 2013 was presented to the Board. The Board received the Employer Contribution Report for the month of October 2013.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Investment Committee - The Bogdahn Group

Performance Report Mr. Bogdahn made a presentation on the Monthly Flash Report ending September 30th of the managers' performance. He said that the value of the fund is \$356,539,722 as of September 30th and a 10% return on investment year-to-date.

Education – Middle Market Debt Review Mr. Bogdahn made a presentation on Middle Market Debt.

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Mr. Foster left the meeting.

Mr. Bogdahn recommended a search for a Middle Market Debt manager and a Value Added Real Estate manager. A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Ms. Hudson to approve a search for a Middle Market Debt manager and a Value Added Real Estate manager. The motion passed with three in favor. Dr. Chase requested that Mr. Evans and Mr. Bogdahn prepare the announcement for the search.

Mr. Bogdahn suggested an educational session at the next meeting from Southeastern Asset Management and Wentworth Hauser & Violich. The Board agreed. Mr. Bogdahn will provide information on domestic blends; a combination of active/passive, cost and risk reward at next meeting.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Trustees Conference Review & Approval Dr. Chase gave a brief summary of the Southeast Institutional Investor Forum held October 29, 2013 in Atlanta, Georgia.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE- Mr. Evans informed the Board that the contract for System Support is ready for Dr. Chase's signature.

HEADLINE RISK COMMITTEE – Mr. Evans informed the Board that in the package is a draft of the Securities Litigation Policy Statement prepared by the Headline Risk Committee. This will be placed on the December meeting agenda for the Board to review and approve.

Mr. Foster returned to the meeting.

MEMBER RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Dr. Chase requested that the Member Relations Committee determine ways to increase the funding ratio of the plan by proposing changes after meeting with Mr. Conefry and Ms. Armstrong.

STAFFING COMMITTEE - nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

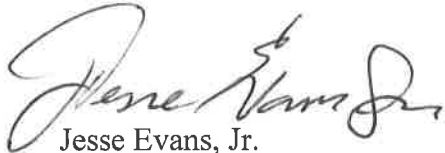
A motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Ms. Hudson to go into executive session. The motion passed with four in favor.

The meeting resumed.

No action taken by the Board on any executive session items.

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Gebrian and seconded by Ms. Hudson to adjourn. The motion passed with four in favor.

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

Jesse Evans, Jr.

Director

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