

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
CITY HALL, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE CONFERENCE ROOM (THIRD FLOOR)  
MAY 2, 2024**

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**Trustees Present:**

Ms. Amy B. Trepagnier, Trustee  
Ms. Romy S. Samuel, Treasurer/CFO  
Ms. Marina M. Kahn, Retired Employees' Representative  
Mr. Ross Bourgeois, Active Employees' Representative

**Trustees Absent:**

Mr. Kim T. DeLarge, Sr., Trustee

**Others Present:**

Jesse Evans, Jr., Director, Employees' Retirement System  
Michael Williams, Phelps Dunbar  
Regan Canfill, Phelps Dunbar  
Derek Mercadal, City Attorney's Office  
Arthur Walton, Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations

Mr. Evans called the meeting to order at 10:09am after roll call.

**OLD BUSINESS - Legislative Update**

Mr. Evans advised that the special meeting was called to discuss HB 15. During the April meeting, Ms. Canfill and Mr. Williams reviewed HB 15 (provides exemptions from membership in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) plan for certain entities). The board discussed and suggested that the addition of the words "...and the City of New Orleans" in the appropriate places throughout HB 15 could possibly be the appropriate amendment to the bill that would protect the civilian employees of the City of New Orleans police department from being required to join (MPERS).

Ms. Canfill and Mr. Williams advised that the addition of the language would protect the civilian employees, but the absence of the language and the now new amendments to the bill leaves their protection up to various interpretations of the bill. They advised that the best protection would be the addition of the board suggested language.

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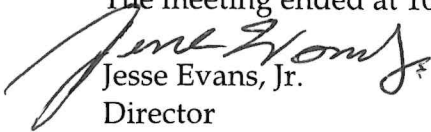
Mr. Evans advised on the challenges relayed to him by Mr. Walton's office in trying to amend the bill without the appropriate advertisement required of the municipality by the legislature. Mr. Walton advised that his office is currently in legislative meetings related to that topic and he would advise accordingly.

Mr. Evans advised that Mr. Mercadal suggested possibly setting a population number as opposed to identifying a specific municipality. All agreed that this path may accomplish the protection for the civilian employees the board seeks without naming a specific municipality in the bill. Mr. Walton advised that his office would explore this path.

Mr. Evans paused for public comment. There were no public comments.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Kahn and seconded by Ms. Samuel to adjourn. The motion passed with all in favor. (Ms. Trepagnier, Ms. Kahn, Mr. Bourgeois, and Ms. Samuel).

The meeting ended at 10:31am

  
Jesse Evans, Jr.  
Director