

**City of New Orleans
Board of Trustees
Employees' Retirement System
Member Relations Committee Meeting
Chief Administrative Office
1300 Perdido Street, 9th Floor
Conference Room B
July 14, 2016
10:00 am**

Committee Members Present:

Ms. Courtney B. Bagneris, Chairperson
Ms. Marina M. Kahn
Ms. Lisa Hudson, Alternate

Others Present:

Jesse Evans, Jr., Director

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 COLA Ms. Kahn talked about only giving a COLA benefit to those retirees with lower retirement benefits. She also inquired as to whether it would be legal to give a COLA benefit to some retirees and not to others based upon the lower retirement benefits. A motion was made by Ms. Bagneris and seconded by Ms. Kahn to request a legal opinion to address raising the benefit of retirees with lower benefits, and is it possible to only grant the 13th check to those retirees with lower benefits. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Ms. Bagneris to get a legal opinion on the \$300 minimum and why it cannot be raised. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hudson requested the number of retirees with less than \$20,000 annual pension with more than 20 years of service broken into categories (retirees and beneficiaries).

REPORT

Minutes of Committee Meeting for November 12, 2015 were presented to the Committee. A motion was made by Ms. Kahn and seconded by Ms. Hudson to approve the minutes of November 12, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Kahn and seconded by Ms. Hudson to adjourn. The motion passed.


Jesse Evans, Jr.
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