

**Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Of the Employees' Retirement System
Of the City of New Orleans
Purchasing Conference Room
1300 Perdido Street, 4W05
May 15, 2019
9:36 am**

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 Trustee:

Mr. Norman L. White, Treasurer/CFO

Others Present:

Jesse Evans, Jr., Director of Employees' Retirement System
Janet H. Easterling, Administrative Support Supervisor IV
Ian Jones, AndCo Consultant
Bernard Robertson, Robertson Wealth Advisor
Kimberly Smith, City Attorney's Office
Alex Glaser, Phelps Dunbar
Jason Burge, Fishman Haygood
Katie Lasky, Lasky Murphy
Ed Shanklin
Keith Beverly
Dorian Nunez

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

NEW BUSINESS

Date for next regular meeting The Board's next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 19, 2019 at 9:30am the location to be determined.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Investment Committee – AndCo Consultant

Performance Report for March 31, 2019 Mr. Jones discussed the year-to-date market updates for equities and fixed income index returns, as of March 31, 2019. He said that the S&P500 was up 13.7% and the Russell Midcap was up 16.5% and Russell 2000 was up by 14.5% for the first quarter of 2019. Mr. Jones said that growth stocks continued to dominate value stocks by a 5% difference. He said that the U.S aggregate was up 2.94%, corporate investment grade up 5%, high yield up 7.25% and global aggregate up 2.20% for the first quarter of 2019. Mr. Jones briefly summarized the market environment dated, May 10, 2019.

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Ms. Kahn arrived to the meeting.

Mr. Jones said that the year-to-date beginning market value of the fund was approximately \$350 million, net contributions -\$4.5 million with gains of \$29 million and the ending market value was \$375 million plus the LAMP assets of \$16 million for a total of \$391 million. He said that the comparative performance shows a rate of return of 8.5% for the quarter. Mr. Jones made a presentation on the investment managers' performance, as of March 31, 2019.

Acquisition of Oppenheimer Funds, Inc. Mr. Jones informed the Board that Invesco has acquired Oppenheimer owned by MassMutual, as of May 24, 2019. He said that they have communicated with Invesco and there are no personnel changes with Oppenheimer. Mr. Jones said that the Oppenheimer name will be replaced with Invesco.

Funding Liquidity Mr. Jones recommended that funds be taken from Cornerstone, if funds are needed for the next 30 thirty days. A motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Dr. Chase to take funds from Cornerstone, if funds are needed for the next thirty days. The motion passed with four in favor (Ms. Hudson, Dr. Chase, Ms. Kahn and Ms. Bagneris)

Budget Committee - Trustees Conference Review & Approval no request.

Member Relations Committee- Reciprocity Agreement with Sewerage & Water Board nothing to report.

Contract Compliance Committee nothing to report.

Headline Risk Committee nothing to report.

Governance Committee nothing to report.

Staffing Committee Mr. Evans informed the Board that he submitted a narrative and chart for legacy planning of the Retirement Office to Deputy Director of Finance, Karla Felton.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Minutes of Regular Meeting for April 17, 2019 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Bagneris and seconded by Ms. Hudson to approve the regular meeting minutes for April 17, 2019. The motion passed with four in favor (Ms. Bagneris, Ms. Hudson, Ms. Kahn and Dr. Chase).

Retirements for the month of May 2019 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 May 2019. The motion passed with four in favor (Ms. Hudson, Dr. Chase, Ms. Bagneris and Ms. Kahn).

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Report of deceased retirees for the month of May 2019 were presented to the Board. The Board received the reports of deceased retirees for the month of May 2019.

Mr. Dorian Nunez made public comments.

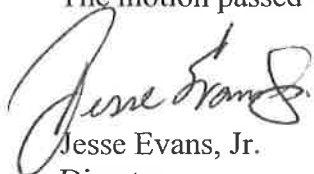
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A motion was made by Dr. Chase and seconded by Ms. Hudson to come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously. (Dr. Chase, Ms. Hudson, Ms. Kahn, and Ms. Bagneris).

Fishman Haygood – Update Dr. Chase said that the Board was briefed regarding recovery of an investment. A motion was made by Dr. Chase and seconded by Ms. Hudson to allow the Board's Special Counsel to pursue a course of action which may include arbitration or trial to recover an investment that was made in one of the funds and do so at reasonable attorney fees, which and may also include contingency fees. The motion passed with four in favor (Dr. Chase, Ms. Hudson, Ms. Bagneris, and Ms. Kahn).

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



Jesse Evans, Jr.
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