

## TREFIGHTES RETREMENT SYSTEM

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## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES March 12, 2009

A meeting of the board of trustees was held on March 12, 2009, at the Public Safety Building in Baton Rouge. Mr. Charles Fredieu, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Hawkins gave the invocation and Mr. Birdwell led the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Donna Winchester called the roll.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Charles Fredieu, Chairman Mayor Clarence Hawkins Stacy Birdwell Mayor Jimmy Durbin Sammy Halphen Paul Smith

### OTHERS PRESENT

Steven Stockstill
Kelli Chandler
Jason Starns
Donna Winchester
Janet Picard
Gary Curran
Adam Patterson
Laura Gail Sullivan
Lauren Bailey
Karen Stephens
Eldon Ledoux
Mike Gallagher
Craig Miller
Eddie Appel

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#### MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Birdwell moved to adopt the minutes of the board meeting held on February 12, 2009. Mayor Durbin seconded. The motion passed.

### APPLICANTS

### New Members

PROCEDURE: classification, date of hire, employer certification, and medical waiver information. Each application for membership was complete and submitted in accordance with all applicable state laws. Each enrollment application is reviewed by staff to determine eligible job

packets. Mr. Jason Starns referred to the list of new member applicants contained on Page 24 of the board (See attached Exhibit #1.) He stated that all applications were in order.

MOTION: Mr. Birdwell moved to approve the new member applicants. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed.

#### Retirees

proper documentation and to determine that the applicant meets the legal criteria necessary to receive PROCEDURE: Written notification of retirement is received and the member's file is reviewed for the benefit analyst and verified by the system's administrator. All retirement applications were payment in the form of a monthly retirement benefit. Calculations for retirement are performed by submitted and benefits calculated in accordance with all applicable state laws.

stated that all retiree applications were in order. Mr. Starns referred the board members to the list of new retirees. (See attached Exhibit #2.) He

motion passed. MOTION: Mr. Birdwell moved to approve the new retiree applicants. Mr. Smith seconded.

### Survivor Application

application for survivor benefits, a copy of the member's death certificate, a marriage license (if PROCEDURE: Survivors applying for benefits must furnish the retirement office with a notarized FRS is a third party administering payments as a result of a merger, and where the individual the documents submitted. [NOTE: Individuals who retired under another retirement system where retirement application is reviewed and the designated beneficiary's information is verified to match beneficiary is a spouse), and the beneficiary's birth certificate. Once received, the deceased member's

necessary documents; however, payment is made as set forth in the merger agreement (contract) becomes deceased after the merger, the beneficiary or survivor is still required to submit all affecting beneficiaries and survivors.] (R.S. 11:2256 and R.S. 11:2259)

reviewed, and was in order. In addition, a review of the member's record was performed, and the Mr. Starns presented the application of Mrs. Gwendolyn Harrison, surviving spouse of Mr. James agreements. survivor benefit calculation had been completed per applicable state laws and any merger He stated that the application and all supporting documentation had been received,

MOTION: Mayor Durbin moved to approve survivor benefits for Mrs. Gwendolyn Harrison. Mr. Birdwell seconded. The motion passed.

### Disability Conversion Applications

PROCEDURE: Retirees who apply for conversion from regular retirement to a disability retirement are required to submit detailed medical information as part of the application in support of their though the actual physical disability may not have become manifest until after the effective date in claim that the disability was job-related and occurred during active employment as a firefighter, even DROP or after commencement of service retirement. Once received, the application is reviewed by sufficient documentation is present to certify that the retiree's disability occurred during active staff and medical records are forwarded to a State Medical Disability Board doctor to determine if is scheduled for the applicant to undergo a physical examination. The State Medical Disability is not sufficient for the doctor to determine the date and cause of the disability, then an appointment employment and was a direct result of working as a firefighter. If the medical information submitted was a direct result of employment as a firefighter. (R.S. 11:2258(B)(2) and Administrative Rule) Board doctor must furnish a medical report certifying the retiree's disability and that the disability

Mr. Starns presented the application for disability conversion of reported that the applicant is disabled due to lung disease, which occurred as a result of his employment as a firefighter. The report further states that a carcinoid tumor was removed from report by Dr. Gomes, approval for a disability conversion and discontinuance of the requirement for disability recertification is recommended by staff. lung causing further impairment of his lung function. Mr. Starns stated that, based on the was seen by Dr. Glenn Gomes, the State Medical Disability Board doctor, who P. He stated that

conversion and to approve discontinuation of the requirement for disability recertification. MOTION: Mr. Birdwell moved to approve the application of Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed. for disability

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Board doctor, who reported that the applicant should remain permanently disabled due to coronary members of the board that Mr. Starns presented the application for disability conversion of artery disease and atherosclerotic vascular disease. as well as discontinuation of the requirement for disability recertification, be approved Starns said it was the recommendation of staff that I was seen by Dr. D. Rubin Patel, the State Medical Disability Based on the report by Dr. Rubin Patel, Mr. s application for disability conversion. He told the

 $MOTION: Mr.\ Halphen\ moved\ to\ approve\ the\ disability\ conversion\ application\ of\ \ref{thm:moved}$ and Mr. Smith seconded. and to approve discontinuation of the requirement for disability recertification. Mr. Birdwell

was Dr. Patel's statement in his report that he was unsure if percentages could be assigned to those A discussion then ensued regarding the various illnesses suffered by k. Of particular concern

Mr. Halphen stated that he wished to amend his previous motion; therefore, his earlier motion was

withdrawn.

applicant does suffer from hypertension, which is a presumptive occupational disability The discussion on this matter continued., wherein Mr. Stockstill made note of the fact that the

MOTION: Mr. Halphen moved to approve the disability conversion application of noting, however, that one of the applicant's illnesses was presumed to be job-related. Mr. Smith Dr. Patel's findings that he was unable to assign a percentage to any of the applicant's illnesses, seconded. and to approve discontinuation of the requirement for disability recertification based on

or lungs which develops during a period of employment in classified fire service shall be presumed a provision of Louisiana law which, in summary, provides that any disease or infirmity of the heart Chairman Fredieu spoke about the law relative to heart and lung disease. [NOTE: R.S. 33:2581 is disease or infirmity of the heart or lungs must manifest after the first five years of employment in to be a disease or infirmity connected with employment, regardless of whether the fireman is on duty order to be presumed service connected.] Chairman Fredieu acknowledged that there would be no at the time he is stricken with the disease or infirmity. additional cost to the system in approving the disability conversion, but he expressed concern that the Internal Revenue Service may question the board's action.

MOTION: The restated motion by Mr. Halphen, which was seconded by Mr. Smith, was taken up at this time. The motion passed.

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## MONTHLY FLASH REPORT - FEBRUARY 2009

of February as compared to the blended index of -6.5%; -29.0% for the fiscal year to date as Exhibit #3.) He began by noting that the overall fund was up/down as follows: -4.0% for the month Mr. Adam Patterson presented the monthly flash report for February 2009. compared to the blended index of -26.1%; -28.6% for the trailing 12 months as compared to the blended index of -27.7%. (See attached

# COMMITTEE REPORT - INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

[NOTE: The investment committee met on March 11, 2009, at the FRS office in Baton Rouge at included committee Chairman Stacy Birdwell, Mr. Sammy Halphen, Mr. Paul Smith, Mr. Charlie 2:00 p.m. to discuss the business set forth in its posted agenda. Fredieu, ex officio, and Ms. Amy Mathews, alternate.] Committee members present

## Small/Mid Cap Manager Search Update

the selection of a small/mid cap manager. (See attached Exhibit #4.) He stated that the Investment Mr. Birdwell referred to a handout which sets forth the search process and time line to be used in Committee, in its meeting, approved the time line for the search process.

MOTION: Mr. Birdwell stated that the investment committee recommended approval of the time a motion. Mr. Halphen seconded. The motion passed. line for the small/mid cap equity manager search and he moved that recommendation in the form of

# Amendment to Partnership Agreement - Montagu Newhall Crossover Ventures

requesting an amendment to its Partnership Agreement to delete the mandatory requirement that Mr. Patterson informed the members of the board that Montagu Newhall Crossover Ventures is formal annual meetings of Limited Partners be held. (See attached Exhibit #5.)

moved that recommendation in the form of a motion. Mr. Halphen seconded. The motion passed. amendment to the Partnership Agreement relative to Montagu Newhall Crossover Ventures and he MOTION: Mr. Birdwell stated that the investment committee recommended approval of the

## Land Baron, LLC and First NBC

providing an update on the investment properties, as well as ongoing negotiations with First NBC regarding the terms for refinancing the loan related to the Nothing Left To Prove property. Mr. Patterson stated that representatives of Land Baron attended the Investment Committee meeting,

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Chairman Fredieu noted that, in addition to attending the Investment Committee meeting, Land Baron had been invited to attend the board meeting, but was unable to do so.

provide their financial statements. He informed the members that the financial statements had been Mr. Stockstill pointed out that in a previous meeting, Mr. Birdwell had requested that Land Baron provided to CSG, who, in turn, will be forwarding the information to FRS. The board will then have an opportunity to review the information before the April meeting in which Land Baron is expected

conditions set forth in their refinancing proposal. Mr. Halphen commented that it should be clear to First NBC that FRS is not willing to accept certain

On a positive note, Mr. Birdwell stated that Land Baron reported a 400% increase in the value of the property surrounding the St. George, Utah airport project and its value is expected to increase even

Mr. Patterson stated that it was his understanding that the value of the property was based on comparable airport property valuations.

projects were completed, the surrounding property increased in value. Mr. Halphen responded that Land Baron said it was based on solid evidence that when other airport

should be available: copies of the payment terms; an explanation regarding the 15% guarantee; Mr. Stockstill told the members that, before the next board meeting, the following information the financial statements. resulting from the zoning activity; the Ironwood rebates offsetting the CSG fees since inception; and zoning activity that has taken place on all three parcels of property, as well as any development

The discussion on this matter was concluded with no action being required or taken

### FRS Investment Policy

request, and that the policy was open to change if any member(s) had any suggestions. Mr. Stockstill that the investment policy had been discussed in September and October of 2004; however, in Mr. Stockstill turned to a draft of the FRS Investment Policy. (See attached Exhibit #6.) He stated stated that it was his understanding Mr. Joe Meals would be recommending some changes to the the next board meeting. In addition, tapes of those discussions would be made available upon researching the issue, he realized that it had never been adopted and suggested it be carried over to

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different scenarios that may occur in the market, to which Mr. Patterson replied in the affirmative. Mayor Durbin asked if the investment policy is structured in such a way that it would cover the many

Mr. Patterson commented that changes being prepared by Mr. Meals would include addressing the board's flexibility with regard to the allocation of assets.

was currently being experienced. however, he was unsure that the current policy covered such an historic downturn of the market as Mr. Stockstill agreed that the investment policy is designed to encompass all periods of the market;

The discussion on this matter was concluded with no action being required or taken.

### U.S. Department of Labor - Settlement Agreement With CSG (Trading Services Group - Brokerage Recapture)

regarding this matter was distributed. (See attached Exhibit #7.) Mr. Stockstill said that after the U.S. Department of Labor and CSG. For informational purposes, Mr. Stockstill provided a brief summary of a regulatory matter involving thoroughly discussing the matter with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Meals, he was informed that CSG is continuing its discussions with the Department of Labor. Also, in order to provide an opportunity Committee to recommend carrying over the matter to the next month's meeting. for the conclusion of those discussions, Mr. Stockstill stated that he had asked the Investment A copy of a News Release by the Department of Labor

Trading Services Group, LLC was to be provided at the next board meeting. Chairman Fredieu mentioned that, it was his understanding, a signed agreement with the DoL and

The discussion on this matter was concluded with no action being required or taken.

- FRS Statement of Change in Net Assets for the Six Months Ending December 31, 2008 FRS Statement of Net Assets as of December 31, 2008

[NOTE: The aforementioned statements are marked as Exhibit #8.]

compared to \$1.1 billion as of December 31, 2007, which is a decrease of \$305 million, or 26%. Ms. as of December 31, 2008, the fund had \$825,449,597 in net assets held in trust for pension benefits, Ms. Kelli Chandler, presented the Statement of Net Assets as of December 31, 2008. She stated that \$185 million; Private Equity, \$72 million; Total Investments at Fair Value, \$783 million. Equity Stocks, \$132 million; Fixed Income, \$132 million; Real Estate, \$102 million; Hedge Funds, million; Mid Cap Stocks, approximately \$19 million; Large Cap Stocks, \$139 million; International Chandler provided a breakdown of the net assets as follows: Cash and Cash Equivalents, \$45 Chandler commented that, if compared to the Flash Report, her values would be different.

the fund had Receivables of \$3.6 million; Property, Plant and Equipment, net of accumulated file statements at the time the Flash Report is prepared. Continuing her presentation, she stated that explained that the Flash Report usually contains estimates because the consultants do not have the depreciation, \$785,000; Notes Receivable - Mergers, \$4.8 million; Total Assets of \$838,000 compared to \$1.1 billion last year.

\$7 million compared to \$6.5 million the previous year, an increase of 7%; Net Investment Income, compared to \$11.5 million as of 12/31/07, resulting in a 3% decrease; Employee Contributions were million due to contributions from merged systems; Employer Contributions were \$11.1 million Total Contributions were \$18 million compared to \$26 million as of 12/31/07, a difference of \$8 Ms. Chandler presented the Statement of Change in Net Assets, providing the following information: -\$255 million compared to -\$8.8 million the previous year; Transfers, Repaid Refunds, and Other previous year, which is a \$254 million loss year to year. Total Deductions were \$28.3 million, which Additions resulted in a loss of \$236 million in Total Additions compared to a \$17.9 million gain the an 8% increase; \$515,000 in refunds to terminated employees compared to \$710,000 the previous a 10% increase; \$2 million paid in disability benefits compared to \$1.8 million the previous year, included the following: \$25.5 million of annuity benefits compared to \$23 million the previous year, year; and \$369,000 in administrative expenses compared to \$372,000, which is a slight decrease year

MOTION: Mr. Birdwell moved to adopt the report provided by Ms. Chandler. Mr. Smith seconded.

# Accelerated Refund of Contributions - Mr. Anthony C. Webb, Sr.

The motion passed.

explained that the statutes provide that a member of the system is entitled to a refund of contributions which he requested an accelerated refund of contributions. (See attached Exhibit #9). Mr. Stockstill Mr. Stockstill distributed to the members of the board a letter from Mr. Anthony C. Webb, Sr., in board has traditionally denied such requests. In this case, however, after conducting a review of Mr. Webb's request, Mr. Stockstill recommended that Mr. Webb's request be approved due to the after a period of 90 days upon termination of employment or separation from service. Although an accelerated refund may be granted after 45 days in cases of hardship or a bonafide emergency, the medical expenses associated with his son's ongoing medical treatment.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the fact that Mr. Webb, if he chose to do so, could repay his refund at a later time at an interest rate of approximately 7.5%.

MOTION: Mr. Birdwell moved to approve an accelerated refund of contributions to Mr. Anthony C. Webb, Sr. Mayor Hawkins seconded. The motion passed.

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# Report on Employer Contribution Rate for FY 2009-2010

employer contribution rate. According to Mr. Curran, the employer contribution rate expected to Mr. Gary Curran, FRS actuary, appeared before the board to provide information and discuss the be effective for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. He reminded the members of the board that investment next actuarial valuation will be performed as of June 30, 2009, and will set the contribution rate to go into effect on July 1, 2009, was determined by the Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2008. The totaled \$298 million, which is eight to nine times greater than the combined loss for 2001 and 2002. the employer contribution rate. For the first seven months of the current fiscal year, losses have losses in 2001 and 2002 totaled approximately \$33 million, which caused a substantial increase in could change between now and June 30, depending upon market conditions and liability experience. He said he based his figures on the Flash Report issued January 31, 2009, and noted that the figures July 1, 2008, could mean an increase in the contribution rate of 22.5%. He suggested, though, that Mr. Curran was of the opinion that the impact of the losses over the first seven months beginning constraint on the actuarial valuation of assets, currently 90% to 100%, to possibly 80% to 120%. certain changes could be undertaken to moderate the increase, such as widening the corridor of stressed, however, that any changes would require further calculations, but felt that such proposals would be to lengthen the amortization schedule to some extent, possibly from 15 to 20 years. He This, he said, would not require legislation. Another alternative, which would require legislation, may at least moderate the problem to some extent.

Upon questioning by Mr. Birdwell regarding a possible 22.5% employer contribution rate, of 36.5% in 2010. Mr. Curran clarified that there could possibly be an increase of 22.5%, resulting in a contribution rate

defined benefit plans to come under attack. Mr. Stockstill commented that such a pronounced intergenerational increase will probably cause

there are other factors to be considered and possible changes implemented in order to moderate the the actuary, said the rate is going to be 36.5%. He felt that it would be totally misleading because Mr. Curran stressed the fact that he did not want the members to begin disseminating news that he, effect of market losses.

Mr. Stockstill stated that FRS has an obligation to inform employers if there will be such a pronounced increase in the contribution rate.

Mr. Curran agreed that everybody should be informed that there will be a large increase, but it would be misleading to give a specific number.

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more shared between employees and employers. Mr. Curran responded that he was aware of one Mayor Hawkins asked if any of the other systems were considering legislation to make contributions system that is considering a change in the employee contribution rate.

on the plan, particularly the 35% pay increase granted by Jefferson Parish. Mr. Curran further stated that, from the standpoint of baseline costs, pay increases have had an effect

Mr. Stockstill made reference to a study performed by Mr. Curran at the request of the board regarding the increase in the 2001 contribution rate. He stated that perhaps that study may need to concern with having no plan at all. be updated and would provide a tool to assist in managing the problems being faced. He expressed

a brief history on the contribution rate. He stated that in 2002, the contribution rate was 9%; 2003, that a more fact-based foundation, in terms of what could be done, was necessary. He then provided Mr. Curran responded that he felt it best to focus on using resources available; however, he agreed 18.75%; 2004, 21%; 2005, 24%; after which, it decreased to 18%, 15.5%, 13.75%, 12.5% and currently, is 14% effective July 1st.

distribution of the Insurance Premium Tax Fund, after discussions with a number of legislators, he Mr. Stockstill stated that, although the board had discussed possible legislation regarding the was now of the opinion that FRS not move forward with such legislation.

Mr. Curran suggested, however, that the board consider legislation to change the amortization schedule, which would require advertisement.

to the amortization schedule. Mr. Smith seconded. However, it was realized that a quorum was not MOTION: Mr. Birdwell moved to allow Mr. Stockstill to advertise for possible legislation relative present and a vote could not be taken at this time.

Mr. Curran asked Mr. Patterson when the March Flash Report would be available. Mr. Patterson replied that a preliminary report would be available on April 8.

With a quorum now present, a vote occurred on the earlier motion by Mr. Birdwell

possible legislation, was passed MOTION: The earlier motion by Mr. Birdwell and second by Mr. Smith, relative to advertising for

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Stockstill announced that the Budget and Finance Committee will meet in April before the start of the Investment Committee meeting. The members of the committee are Mayor Hawkins,

members, as well as any other members interested, be available at 2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Chairman, Mr. Birdwell, Mr. Halphen, Ms. Goodson, and Mr. Smith. He requested that those

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed. MOTION: There being no further business, Mr. Birdwell moved to adjourn the board meeting.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

FRS Budget and Finance Committee
Public Safety Building
3100 Brentwood Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

FRS Investment Committee
Public Safety Building
3100 Brentwood Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.

FRS Board of Trustees
Public Safety Building
3100 Brentwood Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Thursday, April 9, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

anet Picard, Transcriptionist

Mr. Charles Fredieu, FRS Chairman

NEW APPLICANT Name	LIST D.O.B.	Entry Date	Position	MEETING DATE 03-12-09 Mun # & Name
Defee, Jeremy Sharp, Daniel Ashworth, Shane Childress, Justin Callahan, Robert Gillis, Tyler Baker, Eric Price, Kyle Landry, Scott Breaux, Christopher Stevens, Charles Kimball, Christopher Hall, Michael Barnes, Jr., Timothy Conkerton, Steven Lesslie, Shannon Boudreaux, Micah Lacoste, Stevin	04-03-87 04-30-83 12-25-76 02-08-84 03-21-60 06-10-90 02-01-79 04-28-88 10-23-83 06-23-85 02-23-83 02-15-85 03-23-78 04-26-85 03-22-77 09-05-87 08-20-85 11-04-87	10-06-08 03-03-09 12-10-07 08-23-08 01-15-09 01-01-09 07-01-08 12-16-08 01-30-09 12-14-08 11-01-08 08-10-08 12-23-08 01-12-09 01-29-09 02-02-09 12-01-08 12-08-08	Firefighter Firefighter Firefighter Firefighter Fire Prevention Educator Firefighter FCO Fire Records Clerk Firefighter Firefighter	015 Bastrop 015 Bastrop 021 Caddo #8 034 Desoto 036 E Central Bossier #1 040 Haughton 060 Leesville 070 Morgan City 074 New Iberia 075 Opelousas 089 S Bossier #2 092 St Bernard 094 St Landry #1 113 Westwego 129 Jefferson Parish 129 Jefferson Parish 133 St Tammany #2 133 St Tammany #2



NEW RETIREE LIST		MEETING DATE 03-12-09		
NAME	EMPLOYER	BENEFIT	DATE RETIRED	
Hesson, Jr., Charles Hollins, Brian Mann, Richard Labouve, Jerry Froeba, Ray Hartenstein, Eric Alfred, III, Tyner	Bossier City Shreveport Shreveport Terrebonne Cons Jefferson Parish Jefferson Parish St Tammany #1	\$4453.80 \$4458.75 \$4878.48 \$4275.81 \$4661.69 \$4078.26 \$2247.55	02-15-09 03-01-09 03-01-09 02-15-09 02-05-09 01-03-09 02-23-09	
	DRO	OP MEMBERS		
Sims, Philip Maddox, Roland Wiggins, James Alonzo, III, Earl Lowe, Thomas Milligan, Michael Landry, Michael	Alexandria Lake Charles Shreveport St Bernard Jefferson Parish Jefferson Parish St Tammany #1	\$4340.47 \$4423.68 \$4412.67 \$3766.45 \$7888.46 \$8147.50 \$2848.54	02-01-09 01-16-09 02-01-09 01-15-09 01-03-09 01-03-09	

