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EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS

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The Pension Committee met on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 in the Board Room, 625 St. Joseph Street, New Orleans, LA. The meeting convened at 9:30 A.M.

Present:

Mr. Christopher Bergeron
Ms. Eileen Gleason
Mr. Ralph Johnson
Mr. Marvin Russell
Mr. Lewis Sterling III
Mr. John Wilson

Also in attendance: Ms. Jade Brown-Russell, Acting Executive Director of the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and Sewerage and Water Board (S&WB); and the following S&WB staff – Mr. James Thompson, Office of Special Counsel; Ms. Sharon Judkins, Deputy Director of Administration; Ms. Veronica Washington, Employee Relations; Ms. Sonji Skipper, Personnel; Dr. Tim Viezer, Chief Investment Officer; and Ms. Candice Newell, Board Relations Manager.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of June 13, 2018 Pension Committee minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

2. Pursuant to LA R.S. 42:17.A.1., to consider an employee disability application.

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

3. None

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Marvin Russell moved to nominate Mr. John Wilson to act as Chairman for the meeting. Mr. Chris Bergeron seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Acting Chairman Wilson then asked for a motion to move into executive session to consider a disability retirement application. Ms. Eileen Gleason moved to enter into executive session and Mr. Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried and the Committee entered executive session. The Committee re-entered regular session by a motion by Ms. Gleason, this was seconded by Mr. Sterling, and carried by vote. Chairman Wilson called for a motion and Ms. Gleason made a motion to approve the matter discussed in executive session. Mr. Russell seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Wilson asked if there were any questions about the information item concerning Employee Trustee elections. Mr. Bergeron noted that there was low employee participation in past elections and asked whether there might be more effective ways to engage participation than mailing ballots to employees' home addresses

and requiring the submission of ballots at the St. Joseph Street office, recognizing that not all employees work at that location. Ms. Sharon Judkins agreed that alternative balloting methods could be considered.

Ms. Gleason noted that the past meeting minutes required approval. Mr. Russell moved to approve the minutes and Ms. Gleason seconded, and the motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Information item 5 was received.

ANY OTHER MATTERS:

The following questions and requests were raised for follow-up:

1. Mr. Bergeron requested a review of alternative balloting methods in order to increase employee participation in the election of Employee Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Pension Committee, Acting Chairman Wilson called for a motion and Mr. Bergeron made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sterling seconded and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Wilson, Pension Committee Acting Chair