

# AGENDA TO THE REGULAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:00 A.M. – 9:37 A.M.

# City of Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Fund 1 West Adams Street Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32202 WEBEX ROOM 5

The next Advisory Committee meeting will be held May 13, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

# Advisory Committee Members

James Holderfield, Chair Lt. Michael Shell, Vice Chair Thomas Lumpkin Michael Pelletier Asst. Chief Richard Reichard Cpt. Christopher Stover

# Staff

Timothy H. Johnson, Executive Director – Plan Administrator Steve Lundy, Deputy Director Chuck Hayes, Pension Benefits Manager Lawsikia Hodges, Office of General Counsel Bob Sugarman, Fund Counsel

### Excused

Lt. Jean Paravisini

## Notice

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## Summary

Chair James Holderfield took attendance of the members present on the Webex call. He read the instructions for public comment, and said that voting would be taken by roll call. Benefit applications will be signed by the Advisory Committee at a later date when the Advisory Committee meets in person again. This will not delay any administration of benefits.

I. Moment of Silence

Thomas H. Lueders, Retired Fire Captain Donald K. Machurick, Retired Firefighter Engineer

#### James M. Trejbal, Retired Police Officer

#### II. Public Speaking

There were no members present on the Webex call. No public speaking was requested.

#### III. Consent Agenda – APPROVED

Chair James Holderfield read the applications to be approved on the Consent Agenda. He asked for a motion.

Thomas Lumpkin made a motion to approve items a-d and to receive items e-h as information. Seconded by Richard Reichard. Michael Shell, Michael Pelletier, Thomas Lumpkin, Richard Reichard, Christopher Stover, and James Holderfield voted 'aye'. The vote passed unanimously.

#### a. Meeting Summaries to be Approved

1. Summary to the Regular Advisory Committee Meeting of Wednesday, March 11, 2019

#### b. Application for Survivor Benefits

	1.	LUEDERS, Minnie E.	
		Widow of Thomas H. Lueders	(d. 03/18/2020)
		Monthly gross pension	\$3,789.18
	2.	TREJBAL, Lee G.	
		Widow of James G. Trejbal	(d. 03/09/2020)
		Monthly gross pension	\$5,539.89
С.	Application for Time Service Connections		
	1.	NORRIS, Mark J., Police Officer Pilot	
		Prior Military Service	U.S. Navy
		2 years	\$29,006.54
d.	Refund of Pension Contributions		
	1.	THOMPSON, Clayton E., Police Officer	
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		Refund of Contributions	\$14,659.56

### e. Share Plan Distributions

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BIBLE III, Fred, Police Officer	\$188.56
BROWN, Stephen C., Firefighter Engineer	\$188.56
BRUCE, Joseph S., Police Officer	\$188.56
CARTER, Doward D., Fire Lieutenant	\$188.56
CONN, Brandon P., Firefighter Engineer	\$124.86
COONEY, Stephen M., Firefighter Engineer	\$188.56
EISERT III, William M., Police Officer	\$188.56
FEHR, Daniel R., Firefighter Engineer	\$188.56
GEORGE, Michael F., Fire Lieutenant	\$188.56
GRIMES, Stephanie D., Police Officer	\$59.46
HICKEY, Daniel B., Police Officer	\$96.96
HULLENDER, Rhonda R., Police Officer	\$188.56
HUMPHREY, David M., Police Officer	\$188.56
JONES, Jason W., Fire Lieutenant	\$188.56
KENNEDY, Alan W., Firefighter Engineer	\$188.56
KENNY, Elizabeth W., Police Lieutenant	\$188.56
LARSON, John L., Fire Lieutenant	\$188.56
LEGARD, Joseph M., Police Officer	\$188.56
MASCI, Paul, Fire Lieutenant	\$188.56
McKENZIE (CARNEY), Maria I., Police Officer	\$188.56
MONROE Jr., Robert L., Police Officer	\$188.56
NELSON, William H., Police Sergeant	\$188.56
PARKER, Chad P., Firefighter Engineer	\$188.56
RESNER, David J., Police Officer	\$96.05
VENOSH, John T., Police Officer	\$188.56
WAARUM, Augen T., Police Officer	\$188.56
WEINBERGER, Nancy A., Police Sergeant	\$188.56
WILLIAMS, Mark A., Police Officer	\$188.56
WILSON Jr., Ernest D., Police Officer	\$188.56

# f. DROP Participant Termination of Employment

	DROP Participation	07/04/2015 – 03/06/2020	
	Monthly pension base	\$3,826.11	
2.	GAINEY, Amos G., Police Sergeant		
	DROP Participation	07/04/2015 – 03/06/2020	
	Monthly pension base	\$3,014.44	
1. BRYANT, Elton G., Police Officer			

	3.	JENNINGS, Jammie L., Firefighter	
		Monthly pension base	\$3,024.73
		DROP Participation	04/11/2015 – 03/06/2020
	4.	MAJESKEY, Leonard J., Police Officer	
		Monthly pension base	\$3,725.20
		DROP Participation	01/11/2020 - 03/06/2020
	5.	MARTIN, Thomas L., Police Officer	
		Monthly pension base	\$3 <i>,</i> 381.86
		DROP Participation	04/09/2016 - 03/27/2020
g.	DROP Distributions		
	1.	BRYANT, Elton G.	
		Entire value paid over 50.5 years	\$219,997.71
	2.	GAINEY, Amos G.	
		Entire value paid over 48.8 years	\$279,235.22
	3.	JENNINGS, Jammie L.	
		Entire value paid over 47.5 years	\$233,101.54
	4.	MAJESKEY, Leonard J.	
		Entire lump sum payment	\$6,896.21
	5.	MARTIN, Thomas L.	
		Entire lump sum payment	\$199,740.43
h.	DROP	Distributions for Survivors	
	1.	TREJBAL, Lee G.	
		Entire value paid over 20 years	\$178,371.17

## IV. Executive Director's Report

1. Children's Benefit Recommendation – APPROVED

Timothy Johnson updated the Advisory Committee on the Children's Benefit Recommendation. There was a nuance discovered by Trustee Michael Lynch – children of members who died without a surviving spouse should receive the greater of \$200 or the proportionate share of the surviving spouse's benefit. Historically, all children have been paid \$200. We held a Children's Benefit Subcommittee, and reached the conclusion that these children should be paid the proportionate share. The adjustments will be in two groups, first, children currently being paid will be corrected going forward. Secondly, lump sum payments will be sent to all children, current and past, for the total underpayment amounts.

Steve Lundy described the spreadsheet 'Children's Benefit – Current Children Changes as of 5/1/2020' attached to the Advisory Committee Book. He noted that each child would receive proportionate share of the surviving spouse's benefit starting May 1, 2020. Two sets of siblings are included, and would receive prorated payments.

Thomas Lumpkin asked for clarification on the payment.

Steve Lundy said that the fund would increase the children's pay, and there are no surviving spouses.

Michael Shell asked how much the total lump-sum payments to all the children would be.

Steve Lundy said that the first estimate totaled approximately \$1.5 million. We are currently calculating the exact number and will have that recommendation to the Advisory Committee once completed.

Michael Shell asked about one child of a deceased member who disclaimed his children's benefit to receive a refund of the member's contributions.

Steve Lundy said that the child in question will be added to the list and calculated in addition to the others.

Thomas Lumpkin made a motion to approve the Children's Benefit Recommendation. Seconded by Michael Shell. Michael Shell, Michael Pelletier, Thomas Lumpkin, Richard Reichard, Christopher Stover, and James Holderfield voted 'aye'. The vote passed unanimously.

Timothy Johnson discussed Jason Weathington's disability application appeal. The appeal was conducted by the Board of Trustees, and additional information was requested of JSO. The evidence was not admitted to the appeal hearing with the Board. The Board returned the application back to the Advisory Committee and asked the Committee to reopen the appeal and reconsider its recommendation.

Timothy Johnson said he asked Sonya Harrell what additional evidence the Advisory Committee needs to reconsider, and if Weathington's attorney will be able to include other evidence, in addition to the letter requested of JSO. Also, he asked if the hearing would be able to be conducted over Webex, or if it should be live. There was a lot of discussion back and forth, but no answer. We did receive guidance from Bob Sugarman.

Bob Sugarman said the hearing can be conducted via Webex, however we should ask Weathington's lawyer if he prefers Webex or live. He said he would be conducting a phone conference with Sonya Harrell and Tad about what evidence would be admitted.

Timothy Johnson said his last item relates to the reemployment of retirees. There is an ordinance being drafted for City Council that would allow recently retired police and firefighters to be rehired during the coronavirus pandemic on a temporary basis. We have set a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees this Friday at 10:00 A.M. to discuss and comment on the ordinance for City Council.

Lawsikia Hodges said OGC has been working closely with the unions, JSO and JFRD on this ordinance. Retirees would receive pension and pay, but no other benefits normally given to active employees. We will send the draft ordinance to the Board, and the Board may want to make comments. There will be an actuarial impact statement as well. Once we receive the draft ordinance, we will send it out. The filing deadline is today at 3:00 P.M., so we should have a draft by then.

Richard Reichard asked if this was for any position on the departments, and if there is any impact to the pension at all.

Lawsikia Hodges said that there is no impact to the pension, and the workers will be temporary.

Bob Sugarman said this legislation will only permit retirees to be hired during the crisis and shortly thereafter. There would be no benefits paid to them from the PFPF, however other benefits may be paid through other entities such as the State and Federal government. Nothing we administer. There is no loss or gain.

Chuck Hayes said he spoke to Randy Wyse, the firefighter union president, and he said that these reemployed pensioners would return to work as firefighters or police officers, not necessarily their old rank.

James Holderfield said that these rehired members would not have their benefits recalculated. There is no effect on our administration of their benefit.

Lawsikia Hodges said the Governor has emulated this at the State level with FRS. That is correct – no additional liability for the PFPF.

James Holderfield asked if there was anything else on the administration side to be covered for today's meeting.

Timothy Johnson said that covers everything. He thanked the Advisory Committee members for being available via Webex. James Holderfield has done an outstanding job of chairing these meetings.

Bob Sugarman said his firm represents 100 funds throughout Florida, and Jacksonville is far ahead of the curve considering everyone else. Cities have not been given software to communicate via the internet for online meetings. Jacksonville is the example. They ask what to do, and I always say, "This is how Jacksonville does it". Congratulations.

Steve Lundy said there were no requests for public comment via email or phone.

### V. Counsel Reports

- VI. New Business
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. Adjournment 9:37 A.M.

## Summary Approved:

James Holderfield, Chair Advisory Committee

#### **Summary Prepared By:**

Steve Lundy, Deputy Director City of Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Fund

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