

FIRE SUPPLEMENTAL PAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2023

A special meeting of the Municipal Fire Fighters Supplemental Pay Board of Review, October 5, 2023 at Louisiana Department of Public Safety, Management and Finance Office.

Brien Ruiz called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

The following members and staff present:

Board Members

Brien Ruiz
Richard Parker Jr.
Ronnie Schillace
Dwayne Thevis
Charles Williams

Staff

Natalya Besse
Candy Diez
Susanne Tessier
Misty Crawford
Marlon C. Battley, Esq.

OLD BUSINESS:

Candy Diez informed the board that Joe Williams is currently on supplemental payroll, and he was paid \$7,200 on June 30, 2023 to cover FY2023.

Candy asked the board to define the two-year back pay limit agreed upon at the previous meeting. Is the limit applied based on the eligibility effective date or the fiscal year?

The board confirmed that the two-year back pay is based on the eligibility date.

In reference to a two-year back payment rule, Ronnie Schillace asked for the attorney's opinion on the statute that states that payments cannot exceed of \$10,000 at any one time. Attorney Marlon C. Battley will look into it.

No action is required in Joe Williams' case. His Act 110 had previously been denied by the board.

REVIEW AND APPROVE 2023 ACT 110:

The staff informed the board that the Act 110 request will be submitted to JLCB for the November 17, 2023, meeting.

Natalya Besse brought the board’s attention to line 14 of the Act 110 spreadsheet for Nelton, Benjamin Matthew. His Act 110 amount was \$21,600. Should the new two-year back pay rule be applied in this case?

The board unanimously agreed that the two-year back pay rule must be applied.

Ronnie Schillace said that anything over 24 months should be denied. The recipients have the right to appeal and appear before this board.

Ronnie Schillace made a motion to approve the Act 110 list with adjustments for the Nelton, Benjamin Matthew amounts. Dwayne Thevis seconded, and the motion passed.

Natalya Besse addressed to the board about updating administrative rules due to changes in the application review process. Following review, the majority of applications meet the "routinely approved" application criteria. Applications that are "routinely approved" meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the statute. Those applications are entered into supplemental pay system as time permits prior to the board’s formal approval. Would this board like to continue with the current approval processes now that the police board has changed its processes to not giving formal approval for “routinely approved” applications?

Brien Ruiz said that this board wants to review and give formal approval for the new applicant list.

Ronnie Schillace said that the current process works as it should; the supplemental pay office approves the routinely approved applications, and the board certifies them.

SET TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

November 7, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

Ronnie Schillace made a motion to adjourn. Richard Parker Jr. seconded and the motion passed.