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STATE OF LOUISIANA

FIREMENS' SUPPLEMENTAL PAY

BOARD OF REVIEW

BOARD MEETING - MARCH 12, 2014, at 10:00 A.M.

Brien Ruiz, Chairman

Ozias "Junior" Price

Ronald Schillace

Roy Robichaux

STAFF PRESENT:

Paul Schexnayder, Esq.

Katie Ryland

Kelli Boudreaux

ALSO PRESENT:

Arthur Zink, Jefferson Parish Fire Department

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CALL TO ORDER

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2 **MR. RUIZ:**

3 We'll call the meeting to order of the March 12, 2014,
4 Supplemental Pay Board meeting.

5 Roll call, please.

6 **MS. RYLAND:**

7 Mr. Ruiz?

8 **MR. RUIZ:**

9 Here.

10 **MS. RYLAND:**

11 Mr. Price?

12 **MR. PRICE:**

13 Here.

14 **MS. RYLAND:**

15 Mr. Schillace?

16 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

17 Here.

18 **MS. RYLAND:**

19 Mr. Robichaux?

20 **MR. ROBICHAUX:**

21 Here.

22 **MS. RYLAND:**

23 Mr. Brewer?

24 (No response.)

25 **MR. RUIZ:**

1 We have a quorum. We'll call the meeting to order.

2 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETINGS**

3 December 4, 2013

4 **MR. RUIZ:**

5 All right. Approval of the minutes of the December 4th
6 meeting.

7 I'd like to -- somebody to entertain a motion to --

8 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

9 I'll entertain a motion.

10 **MR. PRICE:**

11 Second.

12 **MR. RUIZ:**

13 We'll approve them at the next board meeting.

14 All in favor of the motion, signify by saying "aye."

15 Aye.

16 **MR. PRICE:**

17 Aye.

18 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

19 Aye.

20 **MR. ROBICHAUX:**

21 Aye.

22 **MR. RUIZ:**

23 Any opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 Hearing no opposed, the motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

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3 **MR. RUIZ:**

4 Old business?

5 **MS. RYLAND:**

6 We don't have any old business.

NEW BUSINESS**Jefferson Parish Fire Department - Arthur Zink**

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9 **MR. RUIZ:**

10 New business?

11 **MS. RYLAND:**

12 This kind of falls under both old business and new
13 business, but we're going to bring it under new business.

14 **MR. RUIZ:**

15 Yes, ma'am.

16 **MS. RYLAND:**

17 The application you guys approved at the last Board
18 meeting for Mr. Zink, as long as we received the PAF with the
19 rehire date under his new position, and Mr. Zink is with us
20 today, as well. We received the additional information which
21 is behind his application.

22 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

23 Okay. We did approve him at the last meeting, you said?

24 **MS. RYLAND:**

25 Only if we received the PAF stating his rehired date at

1 his new position.

2 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

3 Okay. That is what he's here today for, to testify --

4 **MS. RYLAND:**

5 Yes. We did receive a letter from the director of the
6 Jefferson Parish Fire Department with his hire date, but I
7 just want to make you all aware that we normally do receive
8 PAF's from Jefferson Parish Fire Department not letters, just
9 to make you all aware.

10 **MR. RUIZ:**

11 Chief Greco sent that?

12 **MR. ROBICHAUX:**

13 I'm trying to find that. It's the last page.

14 **MS. RYLAND:**

15 It's the next part of your packet.

16 **MR. ROBICHAUX:**

17 That last you have.

18 **MR. RUIZ:**

19 Is this what you want?

20 **MS. RYLAND:**

21 If you all are okay with it, then we'll put him on. I
22 just wanted you all to look at it and be aware of what we
23 have.

24 **MR. RUIZ:**

25 I understand, but we'll discuss it.

1 **MR. SCHEXNAYDER:**

2 I think she was saying they normally get a PAF, but this
3 is just that letter.

4 **MR. RUIZ:**

5 Right, that's what I'm saying, if we need a PAF, then we
6 need to get a PAF.

7 **MR. ROBICHAUX:**

8 This just looks like maybe a comment of when he came in,
9 and it sounds like you're not a member of the Firefighter
10 Civil Service.

11 **MR. ZINK:**

12 That's correct. I'm a member of our parish's civil
13 service system.

14 **MR. ROBICHAUX:**

15 So that's why we don't have a PAF. The parish doesn't
16 do PAF's.

17 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

18 Hold up, please. For the purpose of the recording, can
19 you state your name, please?

20 **MR. ZINK:**

21 My name is Arthur Zink.

22 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

23 And you're with who?

24 **MR. ZINK:**

25 East Bank Consolidated Jefferson Parish Fire Department.

1 **MR. RUIZ:**

2 All right. Thank you.

3 **MR. ROBICHAUX:**

4 I'm glad you asked that.

5 **MR. ZINK:**

6 As I said, there is an IT special position under State
7 Civil Service, but on review of that position and the Civil
8 Service law, our parish attorney advised against using that
9 position because they thought that it didn't quite meet the
10 criteria because the positions that do exist in the State are
11 hanging their hat on the fact that a computer is an
12 apparatus, which everyone knows a computer is not an
13 apparatus. So the only way to put me in the current position
14 was to move me under the (inaudible), which does not use the
15 PAF system. The PAFs in this (inaudible) is hired under
16 Civil Service and Board.

17 I actually never resigned from my employment. I was
18 transferred into the other system, but the only thing that
19 Sandy could do with the PAF was put resignation because there
20 was no other option. Again, that's an online form from the
21 Civil Service system, so we had to -- there were our only
22 choices.

23 **MR. ROBICHAUX:**

24 The only question I would have, just -- I think I
25 understand it, but there is no legal requirement that you

1 belong to the Civil Service system as far as supplemental pay
2 goes?

3 **MR. SCHEXNAYDER:**

4 Correct.

5 **MR. RUIZ:**

6 Yes.

7 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

8 What do you need from us, another --

9 **MR. RUIZ:**

10 Nothing, nothing. We're okay with this.

11 Chief, are you fine?

12 **MR. ROBICHAUX:**

13 Yes.

14 **MR. ZINK:**

15 I have the original letter if you would like to have
16 that.

17 **MS. RYLAND:**

18 Yes.

19 **MR. RUIZ:**

20 Thank you, Mr. Zink.

21 **MR. ZINK:**

22 Yes, sir.

23 Pineville Fire Department - Allan Bernheisel

24 **MR. RUIZ:**

25 Next is Pineville Fire Department.

1 **MS. RYLAND:**

2 Okay. This is a new application submitted. The title
3 is director of Emergency Medical Services under the Pineville
4 Fire Department.

5 **MR. RUIZ:**

6 And we didn't receive this last time, right?

7 **MS. RYLAND:**

8 No. This is brand new.

9 **MR. RUIZ:**

10 Was he a fireman before he came here?

11 **MR. PRICE:**

12 He just left and came back.

13 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

14 In the same capacity?

15 **MR. PRICE:**

16 The letter said that he worked for EMS and retired on
17 6/30/13, and come back as what now, in the same thing?

18 **MS. RYLAND:**

19 Uh-huh.

20 **MR. PRICE:**

21 That would be prior service?

22 **MS. RYLAND:**

23 Uh-huh.

24 **MR. ROBICHAUX:**

25 Is there a question?

1 **MS. RYLAND:**

2 I just wanted to make sure because of the title.

3 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

4 And he came back as the same title?

5 **MS. RYLAND:**

6 Uh-huh.

7 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

8 Was he getting State supplemental pay before?

9 **MS. RYLAND:**

10 Prior, yes.

11 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

12 Okay. I don't see a problem.

13 **MR. RUIZ:**

14 Do you make a motion to receive supplemental pay?

15 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

16 So moved. I'll make a motion to accept.

17 **MR. RUIZ:**

18 Second?

19 **MR. PRICE:**

20 Second.

21 **MR. RUIZ:**

22 Any further discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 All in favor of the motion, signify by saying "aye."

25 Aye.

1 **MR. PRICE:**

2 Aye.

3 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

4 Aye.

5 **MR. ROBICHAUX:**

6 Aye.

7 **MR. RUIZ:**

8 Any opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 Hearing no opposed, the motion passes.

11 Reporting Changes Letter

12 **MR. RUIZ:**

13 Reporting letter changes (sic), what's this?

14 **MS. RYLAND:**

15 This is the note that we sent out. At the last meeting,
16 we had a discussion to go over how we needed to go about the
17 billing issue and how they needed to report and let us know
18 and how we needed to go about things to decrease the amount
19 of billing that is going out. We sent this out, and I just
20 wanted to let you all know that we are addressing this
21 issues, or trying to address the issues.

22 **MR. RUIZ:**

23 Have we been successful in getting any of our money
24 back?

25 **MS. RYLAND:**

1 Yes.

2 **MR. RUIZ:**

3 Good.

4 **MR. ROBICHAUX:**

5 The State's money, not ours, maybe you need to rephrase.

6 (Off-the-record discussion.)

7 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

8 My question was, on the legal part, how can we hold
9 someone accountable, like a municipality or fire district?

10 **MR. SCHEXNAYDER:**

11 We're going back to the municipality usually.

12 **MS. RYLAND:**

13 Yes.

14 **MR. RUIZ:**

15 The municipality or --

16 **MR. ROBICHAUX:**

17 It's who signed the warrant certifying their employment.

18 **MR. SCHEXNAYDER:**

19 Right. Every now and then they'll call and say, well,
20 how can you come against us, and we say, well, you signed the
21 warrant.

22 **MR. RUIZ:**

23 Then the State Attorney General actually handles it or
24 you handle it?

25 **MR. SCHEXNAYDER:**

1 If it comes down to a collection, they're going to have
2 to handle it.

3 **MR. RUIZ:**

4 I just wanted to get that --

5 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

6 Did the State create a new collection agency?

7 **MS. RYLAND:**

8 There is one but we haven't determined if it's going to
9 the AG or if it's going to that collection agency yet.

10 **MR. SCHEXNAYDER:**

11 The AG has a collection office. This new office is -- I
12 don't think they're up and running yet, even though they've
13 been created.

14 **MS. RYLAND:**

15 Yes.

16 (Off-the-record discussion.)

17 **LEGAL MATTERS**

18 **MR. RUIZ:**

19 Legal matters?

20 **MR. SCHEXNAYDER:**

21 No, not now.

22 **NEW APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**

23 **MR. RUIZ:**

24 We have to make a motion to approve the new applicants.

25 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

1 Motion to approve.

2 **MR. PRICE:**

3 I'll second it.

4 d fire department.

5 **MR. RUIZ:**

6 Any discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 **MR. RUIZ:**

9 Hearing no discussion, all in favor of the approval of
10 the new applicants, signify by saying "aye."

11 Aye.

12 **MR. PRICE:**

13 Aye.

14 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

15 Aye.

16 **MR. ROBICHAUX:**

17 Aye.

18 **MR. RUIZ:**

19 Hearing no nays, the motion passes.

20 **SET TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

21 **MR. RUIZ:**

22 Set time and date of the next meeting.

23 (Off-the-record discussion.)

24 **MR. RUIZ:**

25 Okay. May 5th.

1 **MS. RYLAND:**

2 Monday, May 5th.

3 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

4 Same time, same place.

5 **ADJOURN**

6 **MR. SCHILLACE:**

7 I make a motion we adjourn.

8 **MR. PRICE:**

9 I'll second it.

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PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

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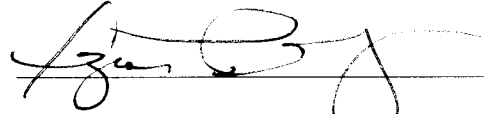


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