

FIRE SUPPLEMENTAL PAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2022

A regular meeting of the Municipal Fire Fighters Supplemental Pay Board of Review, August 9, 2022 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
Sharon Tennent
Marlon C. Battley, Esq.

Visitors

Nick Felton, Assist. To Pres. – AFLCIO
Kim Hartman, CAO – St. George Fire
Dustin Yotes, CAC – St. George Fire
Chief G. C. Tarleton – St. George Fire
Boyd Westbrook, COO – St. George Fire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brien Ruiz made a motion to approve minutes for May 11, 2022 meeting.

Richard Parker Jr. seconded the motion and the motion passed.

APPEALS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Candy Diez informed the Board of the additional applications to be submitted to JLCB ACT110 for approval. Last fiscal year, due to budget issue, no ACT 110 was paid to the recipients.

NEW DEPARTMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Parker presented a few applications to be added to the new applications list for approval. Brien Ruiz requested a status for another few applications from Alexandria and Baton Rouge. Candy Diez suggested to review these applications after the meeting. Brien Ruiz agreed. Richard Parker made a motion to add all mentioned above names to the new applications list and approve for payment.

Ronnie Schillace second the motion and the motion passed.

Supplemental pay staff did not review applications provided by Mr. Parker at the meeting prior to the Board approval process. None of those applicants will be entered into supplemental pay system. These names will be on the agenda for the next Board meetings.

STATUTE/ADMINISTRATIVE RULES UPDATES

Act 110 Payment Limit AG Opinion regarding RS 40:1667.8 and RS 40:1666.9. AG's office did not respond to the supplemental pay request as of yet.

Active-Duty Military Leave AG Opinion (R.S. 29:405.A. (2)). AG' office released the opinion. It is currently under the review by legal office for clarification.

Brien Ruiz raised a concern that the recipient is collecting supplemental pay for several years, and has not been performing fire fighter duties all these years.

SuMPay MODERNIZATION PROJECT UPDATES

Candy Diez provided update on the modernization project.

PRESENTATION OF MOST RECENT BUDGET PROJECTIONS: \$41,292,400.00

Natalya Besse informed the board of the budget amount for FY23.

OVERPAYMENT INVOICES

Candy Diez informed board members of the upcoming mailing of invoices to municipalities for overpayments. There are approximately \$28,818 outstanding. The board discussed the options to avoid prepayment each month and prevent overpayment. Brien Ruiz will address this issue on his end.

ELIGIBILITY AND DATE OF ONE-TIME \$1200 PAYMENT

The board was presented a recommendation memo from LTC Graphia with different scenarios to be considered for the one-time payment eligibility. After some discussion, Charles Williams made a motion to select and approve eligibility scenarios 1, 2, & 4
Brien Ruiz second the motion and the motion passed.

NEW APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

After some discussion, Brien Ruiz made a motion to approve 96 new applications for \$75,497.
Ronnie Schillace second the motion and the motion passed.

NEW ACT 110 MONEY APPROVAL

Ronnie Schillace made a motion to approve ACT 110 payment for additional 67 applications totaling \$68,191. Brien Ruiz requested to be notified prior to JLCB meeting.
Richard Parker Jr. second it and the motion passed.

SET TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

November 10, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Brien Ruiz made a motion to adjourn.
Richard Parker Jr. second the motion and the motion passed.