# LASERS Benefits Louisiana.

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System







#### NOTICE AND AGENDA Investment Committee Meeting Thursday, October 22, 2020 1:00 p.m.

The Investment Committee will meet in the fourth floor Board Room of the Retirement Systems Building, 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

#### Please silence your cell phone before meeting begins

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IV. REGULAR BUSINESS
  - Approval of the minutes of the September 24, 2020, meeting of the Investment Committee (Action Item)
     William Kleinpeter, Chair

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Performance Review

  Bobby Beale, CFA, CAIA Chief Investment Officer
- **2.** Asset Allocation Review and Recommendation **(Action Item)** *Bobby Beale, CFA, CAIA Chief Investment Officer*
- Private Markets Portfolio Update and Recommendation of GTCR Fund XIII (Action Item)

Laney Sanders, CFA, CAIA - Assistant Chief Investment Officer

- VI. OTHER BUSINESS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

There are no managers on the blackout list

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## Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System Investment Committee Meeting

#### **September 24, 2020**

The Investment Committee of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System met on Thursday, September 24, 2020, in the fourth floor Board Room of the Retirement Systems Building located at 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. William Kleinpeter, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. Beth Labello, recording secretary, conducted roll call.

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#### **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mr. Thomas Bickham; Ms. Virginia Burton; Mr. Charles

Castille; Ms. Beverly Hodges; Judge William Kleinpeter; Ms. Janice Lansing; Ms. Barbara McManus; Ms. Lori Pierce; Mr. Rick McGimsey - Designee, Commissioner of Administration; Ms. Amy Mathews - Designee, Louisiana State Treasurer; Ms. Shannon Templet and Senator

**Barrow Peacock** 

Members absent: Representative Harris

Staff present: Ms. Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director; Mr. Trey

Boudreaux, Chief of Staff; Ms. Tina Vicari Grant,

Executive Counsel; Ms. Beth Labello; Investment Staff: Mr. Bobby Beale, Chief Investment Officer; Mr. Darren

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Also present: Shelley Johnson – Foster and Foster, Margaret Corley –

Louisiana State Retirement Committee, Mallory Sharp, Mark Diaz, Tonia Normand, Don Milner, Tricia Gibbons,

Amanda Celestine and Frank Jobert.

A quorum was declared present and the meeting opened for business. The Chair called for Public Comment. No one appeared before the Committee for public comment.

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#### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

The committee considered the minutes of the July 23, 2020, Investment Committee meetings. Barbara McManus moved, seconded by Thomas Bickham, to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2020, Investment Committee meetings. With no further discussion, and no objections, the motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Performance Review**

Mr. Beale gave the monthly performance review, stating that, the final fiscal yearend return for June 30, 2020 was -3.8%. He then discussed the rebound seen in both July and August, stating that LASERS Total Plan returns for those months were 3.0% and 3.3% respectively. He also briefly reviewed some relevant economic indicators, stating that September is seeing a bit of a reversal.

#### **Asset Allocation Discussion**

Mr. Beale gave an overview of LASERS asset allocation, and presented a proposed recommendation for the Board to consider.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

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With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

#### LASERS INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

#### PROPOSED 2020 AGENDA ITEMS

#### **JANUARY 22 & 23**

Trustee Workshop

Monthly/YE 2019 Performance Review

Trustee Education

**Actuarial Science** 

Laws, Rules and Regulations

Investment

Management Committee/Regular Board Meeting

#### **FEBRUARY 27**

Investments will not meet.

#### MARCH 26

Performance Review

#### APRIL 23 (Legislative Session convenes 4/8)

Monthly Performance Review

#### **MAY 28**

1st Quarter 2020 Performance Review Annual Custodian Review

#### JUNE 26 (Legislative Session adjourns 6/8)

Monthly Performance Review

#### **JULY 23**

Fiscal Year End Performance Review Asset Allocation Discussion

#### **AUGUST 27**

Performance Review and Asset Allocation

#### **SEPTEMBER 24**

Performance Review and Asset Allocation

#### **OCTOBER 22**

Monthly Performance Review

#### **NOVEMBER 19**

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020 Performance Review Internal Funds Portfolio Review Annual Trading Report Annual Proxy Report

#### **DECEMBER 10**

Monthly Performance Review Investment Division Annual Report

<sup>\*</sup>All agenda items are subject to change





# NOTICE AND AGENDA Management Committee Meeting Thursday, October 22, 2020 Immediately following Investment Committee

The Management Committee will meet in the fourth floor Board Room of the Retirement Systems Building, 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- **III. PUBLIC COMMENT** (allowed upon request before action items)
- IV. REGULAR BUSINESS
  - 1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 24, 2020 Management Committee Meeting *(Action Item)*

Janice Lansing, Management Committee Chair

#### 2. Executive Session

- a. Review of the October 2020 Disability Retirement Report *(Action Item)*Megan Jones, Retirement Benefits Supervisor
- 3. Executive Counsel's Report
  - a. Discussion of 2020 Second Extraordinary Session Legislation *(Action Item) Tina Grant, Executive Counsel*

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Review and Approval of Operating and Building Budgets for FY 2021-2022 (Action Item)

  Trey Boudreaux, Chief of Staff
- 2. LASERS Cyber Security Briefing Dan Bowden, IT Director
- 3. Chief of Staff's Comments
  - a. Monthly Operating Budget Report

- b. Monthly Pension Administrative Report
- c. Travel/Training Report

  Trey Boudreaux, Chief of Staff
- 4. Executive Director's Comments

  Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director
- VI. OTHER BUSINESS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

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## Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System Management Committee Meeting September 24, 2020

The Management Committee of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System met on Thursday, September 24, 2020, in the fourth floor Board Room of the Retirement Systems Building, located at 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Ms. Janice Lansing, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:39 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Beth Labello, recording secretary.

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Members Present: Mr. Thomas Bickham, Ms. Virginia Burton, Mr. Charles

Castille, Ms. Beverly Hodges, Judge William Kleinpeter, Ms. Amy Mathews (designee of the Treasurer), Mr. Rick McGimsey (designee of the Commissioner), Ms. Janice Lansing, Ms. Barbara McManus, Senator Barrow Peacock,

Ms. Lori Pierce, and Ms. Shannon Templet

Members Absent: Representative Lance Harris

Staff Present: Ms. Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director; Mr. Trey

Boudreaux, Chief of Staff; Ms. Tina Grant, Executive Counsel; Mr. Bobby Beale, Chief Investment Officer; Ms. Tricia Gibbons, Retirement Benefits Administrator; Mr. Artie Fillastre, Chief Fiscal Officer; Ms. Tonja Normand; Public Information Director; Mr. Ryan Babin, Audit Director; Mr. Darren Fournerat, Investment Assistant Chief; Mr. Trey Roche, Statewide Program Manager; Ms. Mallory Sharp,

Public Information Officer; Mr. Mark Diaz, Public Information Officer; Mr. Don Milner, IT Management

Consultant; Ms. Amanda Celestine, Executive Management

Officer; and Ms. Beth Labello, Recording Secretary

Also Present: Ms. Shelley Johnson, Foster & Foster; Mr. Frank Jobert,

RSEA; and Ms. Margaret Corley, Louisiana State Senate

Retirement Committee

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A quorum was declared present and the meeting opened for business.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Lansing called for public comment. There were no public comments.

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Ms. Lansing called for approval of the minutes of the July 23, 2020 Management Committee meeting. Ms. Templet moved, seconded by Mr. Bickham, to approve the minutes. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.

In the Executive Counsel's report, Ms. Grant gave an update on the LASERS litigation against British Petroleum (BP), which was initially filed in 2014. She also announced that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Session starts on September 28, and runs through October 27. There is one item on the call that pertains to the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority's retirement benefits.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Boudreaux reviewed the Disability Excess Earnings Report. Ms. Templet moved, seconded by Judge Kleinpeter, to recommend the Board approve the Disability Excess Earnings report, as presented. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.

Mr. Boudreaux reviewed the annual administrative errors summary report. He commented that the number of administrative errors was 43; compared to 37 last year.

Mr. Boudreaux reviewed the proposed 2021 Board meeting schedule. Ms. McManus moved, seconded by Mr. Bickham, to recommend the Board approve the 2021 Board meeting schedule, as presented. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.

Mr. Boudreaux reviewed the member satisfaction survey results. He stated that due to COVID-19, there were no external comment cards submitted this year.

Ms. Johnson gave an educational presentation and reviewed the June 30, 2020 Actuarial Report. Ms. Mathews moved, seconded by Ms. Hodges, to recommend the Board adopt the June 30, 2020 Actuarial Valuation with a projected contribution rate based on the 7.4% discount rate. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.

Mr. Boudreaux reviewed the proposed fiscal year 2021-22 operating budget. He stated the budget and the building budget will be presented for formal Board consideration next month.

Mr. Boudreaux reviewed the Chief Administrative Officer's comments.

Ms. Rougeou reviewed the Executive Director's comments.

Judge Kleinpeter moved, seconded by Mr. Castille, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the August & September 2020 Disability Retirement Reports, and reviewing the Executive Director's Performance Evaluation and Goals for FY 2020-21. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.

Ms. McManus moved, seconded by Judge Kleinpeter, to return to Regular Session. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.

Judge Kleinpeter moved, seconded by Mr. Bickham, to recommend the Board approve the August & September 2020 Disability Retirement Reports. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.

Ms. McManus moved, seconded by Mr. Castille, to recommend the Board accept the Executive Director's annual evaluation and proposed goals for FY 2020-21, with a 2% salary increase, effective October 1, 2020, to be implemented as discussed, as certified by the Chair of the Management Committee. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business to discuss.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.





#### **Impacts LASERS**

HB 36 – Bacala Position Taken:

**Systems Impacted:** State

Provides relative to reemployment of retirees during a declared emergency and authorizes such reemployment without suspension or reduction of retirement benefits.

- House Retirement Reported by Substitute
- Became HB 97

HB 97 – Bacala Position Taken: Neutral

**Systems Impacted:** State

Provides relative to reemployment of retirees during a declared emergency and authorizes such reemployment without suspension or reduction of retirement benefits.

House Floor

SB 26 – Peterson Position Taken: Neutral

**Systems Impacted:** LASERS

Removes employees of the Regional Transit Authority from LASERS and State Civil Service.

- Senate Retirement Reported Favorably with Amendments
- Senate Floor Passed (Y:35/N:0)
- House Retirement Reported Favorably
- House Floor Scheduled for Floor Debate on 10/14/2020



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## October 2020 Management Committee Meeting Chief of Staff's Comments

#### **Fiscal Division**

- The November 2020 benefit payments will have an effective date of Sunday, November 1, 2020; however, financial institutions may not make the funds available until the next business day, November 2nd, due to November 1st falling on a weekend.
- Fiscal is working with IT and Audit on the preparation of the 2020 GASB 68 Employer Pension Report which Postlethwaite & Netterville will begin auditing in November.
- Fiscal continued working with PID on finalizing the fiscal year 2020 CAFR and PAFR. These
  reports are scheduled to be handed out to the Board at the October Board Meeting.
- Fiscal staff continued preparation of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Operating Budget. A draft of the
  Operating Budget was distributed to the Management Committee last month and will be up for
  approval at this month's meeting.
- ERP-One Consulting Inc. was awarded the contract to upgrade JD Edwards to the latest version.
- Fifty-seven rehired retirees over earned for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 and were mailed invoices totaling \$167,612.

#### **Information Technology**

- MyLasers final external data security testing is underway and MyLasers is on track for release by the end of this year.
- The JD Edwards upgrade project is a go with vendor selection complete and contract negotiations ongoing.
- The Statement of Work (SOW) is complete for the upcoming technical upgrade project for Optimus.
- Work has begun to plan the upcoming BizTalk technical upgrade project.
- Preparations are underway for the many required annual processes.
- The IT Service Desk reports an on-time delivery of IT services of 99.48% of SLA for September 2020.
- TRSL & LASERS are collaborating on a Board Room technical upgrade project coming soon.
- IT has a new Technical Support Specialist dedicated to data security to further enhance our security fight.
- IT has a new Applications Programmer to help with software development and support.
- There are no new or unusual data security incidents to report.
- IT issued a cyber-security newsletter to all staff on the issue of Multifactor Authentication (MFA).
- Top search terms for the LASERS website this month are Calculator, Drop & Direct Deposit.

#### **Member Services Division**

- Member Services staff has completed another round of myLASERS testing, providing feedback to the developing team on potential bugs.
- Benefits fair season looks a lot different this year as agencies have suspended in-person events. Member Services has worked with several different agencies to provide information for their staff to learn more about LASERS benefits and educational opportunities. We will continue to work with whichever platform the agencies have adopted this season.
- LASERS Education Department has conducted additional testing of the Virtual PREP sessions, both with staff in other divisions and with human resources liaisons across the state.

  Adjustments to the virtual learning platform are being made based on participant's feedback.



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#### **Fiscal Division**

#### **OPERATING BUDGET REPORT**

#### September 30, 2020

#### (Unaudited)

Category	2019-2020 Actual		2020-2021 Budget		Monthly Expenses		2020-2021 YTD Actual		Remaining Balance		2020-21 % of Budget	2019-20 % of Actual
Personnel	\$	15,575,610	\$	16,426,300	\$	1,186,167	\$	3,463,099	\$	12,963,201	21%	22%
Travel Expenses		83,172		181,000		250		500		180,500	0%	30%
Operating Services		2,989,077		3,178,800		238,916		1,748,683		1,430,117	55%	47%
Professional Services		500,733		577,000		54,850		126,159		450,841	22%	20%
Acquisitions		279,215		247,000		6,642		27,700		219,300	11%	3%
TOTAL		19,427,807		20,610,100		1,486,825		5,366,141		15,243,959	26%	26%
Investment Fees		25,608,912		36,000,000		2,239,471		6,970,710		29,029,290	19%	19%
GRAND TOTAL	\$	45,036,720	\$	56,610,100	\$	3,726,296	\$	12,336,851	\$	44,273,249	22%	22%

#### **CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET REPORT**

#### **September 30, 2020** (Unaudited)

Category	To	otal Project Budget	2014-2020 TD Actual	020-2021 TD Actual	otal Project Expenses	Remaining Balance	% of Budget Used
Operating Services	\$	474,278	\$ 142,278	\$ 44,204	\$ 186,482	\$ 287,796	39%
Professional Services		4,886,480	4,201,452	-	4,201,452	685,028	86%
Acquisitions		674,944	669,944	-	669,944	5,000	99%
GRAND TOTAL	\$	6,035,702	\$ 5,013,674	\$ 44,204	\$ 5,057,878	\$ 977,824	84%

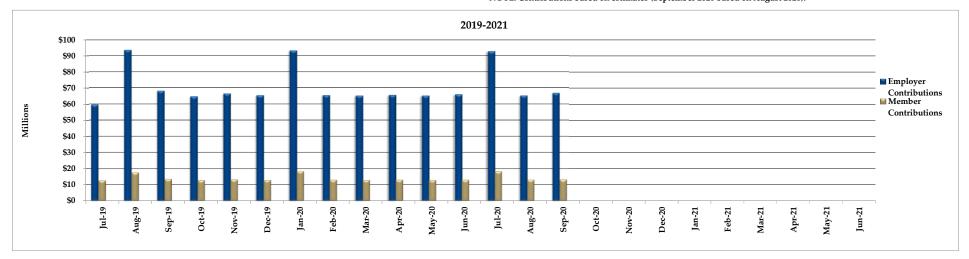


FY 20-21 Beginning Budget	\$98,000
Current Balance:	\$98,000

#### Pension Contributions Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 thru September 30, 2020

FYE 2019-2020 FYE 2020-2021 Member Member **Employer Employer** Month Members **Contributions Contributions Total** Contributions **Contributions Total** Month Members \$18,146,415 Jul-19 39,248 \$59,563,412 \$12,564,327 \$72,127,739 Jul-20 39,197 \$92,476,941 \$110,623,356 Aug-19 39,706 \$93,393,627 \$17,490,255 \$110,883,882 Aug-20 38,992 \$65,151,527 \$12,955,878 \$78,107,405 \$13,372,503 \$66,712,179 Sep-19 39,119 \$68,028,441 \$81,400,944 Sep-20 38,992 \* \$13,133,635 \$79,845,814 Oct-19 39,280 \$64,554,220 \$12,650,421 \$77,204,641 Oct-20 \$0 Nov-19 \$13,072,850 Nov-20 \$0 39,707 \$66,385,304 \$79,458,154 \$65,203,709 \$0 Dec-19 39,255 \$12,830,815 \$78,034,524 Dec-20 Jan-20 \$18,256,030 \$111,323,310 Jan-21 \$0 39,715 \$93,067,280 Feb-20 \$78,291,214 Feb-21 \$0 39,099 \$65,368,620 \$12,922,594 \$0 Mar-20 39,350 \$65,021,016 \$12,778,318 \$77,799,334 Mar-21 Apr-20 40,018 \$65,456,867 \$12,917,021 \$78,373,888 Apr-21 \$0 May-20 39,797 \$12,823,966 \$77,908,410 May-21 \$0 \$65,084,444 Jun-20 \$12,896,919 \$0 39,487 \* \$65,805,845 \$78,702,764 Jun-21

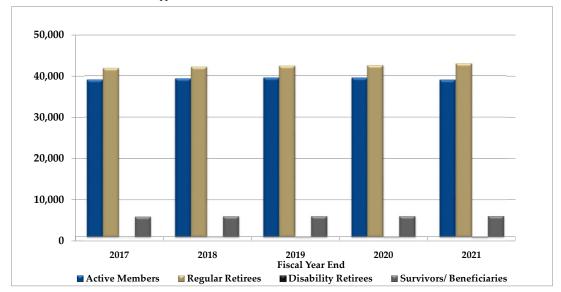
NOTE: Contributions based on estimates (September 2020 based on August 2020).



#### LASERS Membership For Five Years as of September 30, 2020

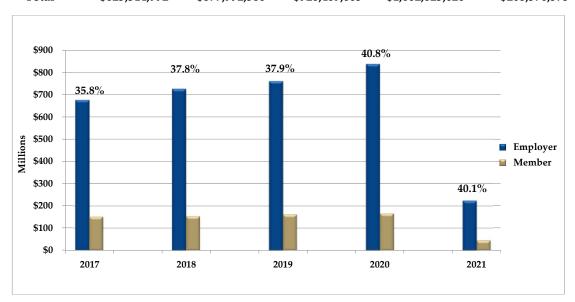
	Active	Regular	Disability	Survivors/	
Fiscal Year	Members	Retirees	Retirees	Beneficiaries	Total Members**
2017	39,055	41,818	989	5,872	87,734
2018	39,293	42,136	930	5,940	88,299
2019	39,533	42,393	899	5,977	88,802
2020	39,487	42,481	881	5,979	88,828
2021	38,992	42,968	859	6,011	88,830

Note: \*Counts for FY2019 - FY2021 are an approx. not based on actuarial data. \*\*Total Members does not include DROP, Terminated Vested/Non-Vested



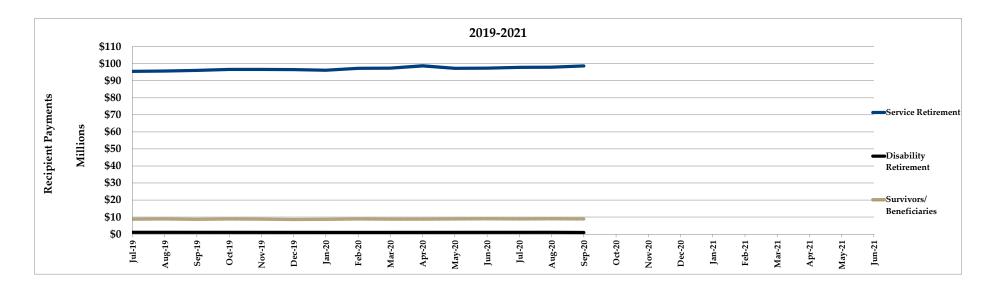
#### Pension Contributions For Five Years as of September 30, 2020

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Employer	\$675,583,750	\$725,802,871	\$760,150,449	\$837,449,602	\$224,340,647	
Member	\$149,931,242	\$152,189,709	\$160,338,556	\$164,576,018	\$44,235,928	
Total	\$825,514,992	\$877,992,580	\$920,489,005	\$1,002,025,620	\$268,576,575	



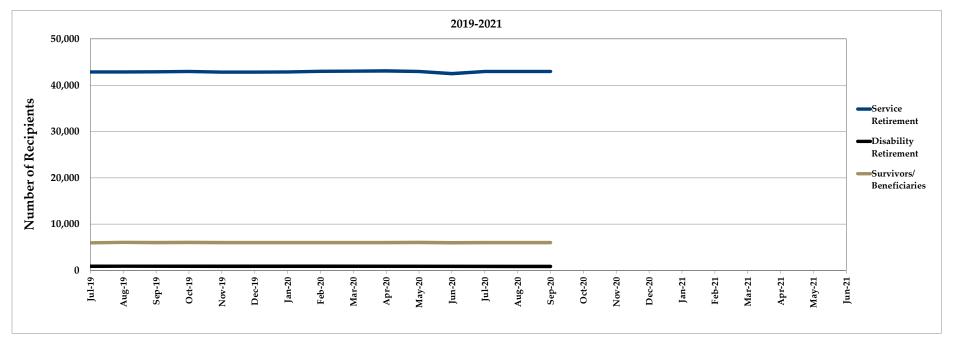
## Service/Disability/Survivor/Beneficiary Payments Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 through September 30, 2020

		FYE 20	019-2020			FYE 2020-2021				
	Service	Disability	Survivors/			Service	Disability	Survivors/		
Month	Retirement	Retirement	Beneficiaries	Total	Month	Retirement	Retirement	Beneficiaries	Total	
Jul-19	\$95,548,476	\$996,959	\$8,763,441	\$105,308,876	Jul-20	\$97,777,934	\$964,016	\$8,779,449	\$107,521,399	
Aug-19	\$95,699,115	\$999,560	\$8,780,065	\$105,478,740	Aug-20	\$97,912,005	\$1,002,068	\$8,946,290	\$107,860,363	
Sep-19	\$96,036,089	\$1,005,085	\$8,605,850	\$105,647,024	Sep-20	\$98,696,685	\$964,633	\$8,832,170	\$108,493,488	
Oct-19	\$96,621,994	\$1,008,067	\$8,779,680	\$106,409,741	Oct-20				\$0	
Nov-19	\$96,629,826	\$993,419	\$8,696,785	\$106,320,030	Nov-20				\$0	
Dec-19	\$96,476,557	\$988,873	\$8,567,177	\$106,032,607	Dec-20				\$0	
Jan-20	\$96,169,117	\$996,105	\$8,602,404	\$105,767,626	Jan-21				\$0	
Feb-20	\$97,274,533	\$997,406	\$8,816,333	\$107,088,272	Feb-21				\$0	
Mar-20	\$97,370,892	\$975,652	\$8,723,730	\$107,070,274	Mar-21				\$0	
Apr-20	\$98,756,353	\$968,126	\$8,710,507	\$108,434,986	Apr-21				\$0	
May-20	\$97,232,648	\$984,367	\$8,808,061	\$107,025,076	May-21				\$0	
Jun-20	\$97,397,437	\$981,843	\$8,878,049	\$107,257,329	Jun-21				\$0	



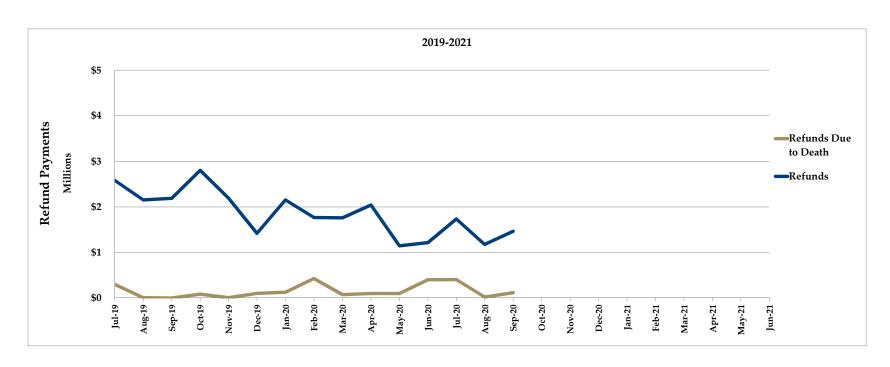
#### Service/Disability/Survivor/Beneficiary Recipients Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 through Septeber 30, 2020

		FYE 2019	9-2020			FYE 2020-2021					
	Service	Disability	Survivors/			Service	Disability	Survivors/			
Month	Retirement	Retirement	Beneficiaries	Total	Month	Retirement	Retirement	Beneficiaries	Total		
Jul-19	42,847	903	5,964	49,714	Jul-20	42,942	873	5,993	49,808		
Aug-19	42,857	908	6,066	49,831	Aug-20	42,944	869	6,001	49,814		
Sep-19	42,892	907	6,003	49,802	Sep-20	42,968	859	6,011	49,838		
Oct-19	42,943	904	6,024	49,871	Oct-20				0		
Nov-19	42,832	900	6,005	49,737	<b>Nov-20</b>				0		
Dec-19	42,821	897	5,987	49,705	Dec-20				0		
Jan-20	42,856	896	5,987	49,739	Jan-21				0		
Feb-20	43,004	892	6,003	49,899	Feb-21				0		
Mar-20	43,008	889	6,000	49,897	Mar-21				0		
Apr-20	43,069	885	6,013	49,967	Apr-21				0		
<b>May-20</b>	42,966	883	6,020	49,869	<b>May-21</b>				0		
Jun-20	42,481	881	5,979	49,341	Jun-21				0		

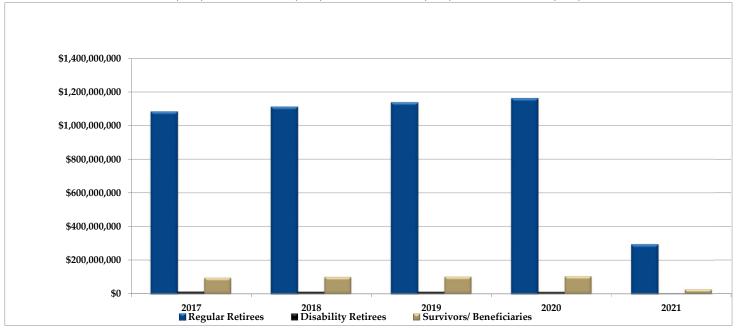


Refund Payments
Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 through September 30, 2020

		FYE 2019-2020 Refunds Due to				FYE 2020-2021 Refunds Due to	
Month	Refunds	Death	Total	Month	Refunds	Death	Total
Jul-19	\$2,582,594	\$298,148	\$2,880,742	Jul-20	\$1,735,515	\$404,691	\$2,140,206
Aug-19	\$2,154,839	\$6,973	\$2,161,812	Aug-20	\$1,176,517	\$21,316	\$1,197,833
Sep-19	\$2,189,961	\$0	\$2,189,961	Sep-20	\$1,464,054	\$116,200	\$1,580,254
Oct-19	\$2,803,073	\$85,644	\$2,888,717	Oct-20			\$0
Nov-19	\$2,187,958	\$6,940	\$2,194,898	Nov-20			\$0
Dec-19	\$1,418,484	\$101,862	\$1,520,346	Dec-20			\$0
Jan-20	\$2,154,790	\$126,722	\$2,281,512	Jan-21			\$0
Feb-20	\$1,767,191	\$428,180	\$2,195,371	Feb-21			\$0
Mar-20	\$1,761,632	\$74,299	\$1,835,931	Mar-21			\$0
Apr-20	\$2,040,391	\$99,557	\$2,139,948	Apr-21			\$0
May-20	\$1,146,262	\$100,296	\$1,246,558	May-21			\$0
Jun-20	\$1,216,301	\$400,483	\$1,616,784	Jun-21			\$0



			Survivors/	
Fiscal Year	<b>Regular Retirees</b>	<b>Disability Retirees</b>	Beneficiaries	<b>Total Payments</b>
2017	\$1,082,137,367	\$13,651,348	\$95,582,244	\$1,191,370,959
2018	\$1,111,041,778	\$12,898,071	\$99,820,473	\$1,223,760,322
2019	\$1,136,354,915	\$12,304,622	\$102,089,676	\$1,250,749,213
2020	\$1,161,213,037	\$11,895,462	\$104,732,082	\$1,277,840,581
2021	\$294,386,624	\$2,930,717	\$26,557,909	\$323,875,250

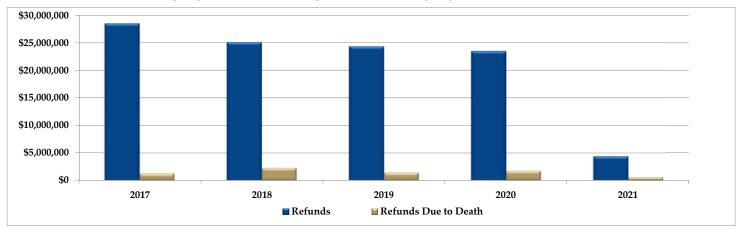


#### **Refund Payments for 5 years**

#### For Five Years as of September 30, 2020

#### Refunds Due to

Fiscal Year	Refunds	Death	<b>Total Payments</b>
2017	\$28,443,202	\$1,266,083	\$29,709,285
2018	\$25,031,640	\$2,245,581	\$27,277,221
2019	\$24,286,619	\$1,397,220	\$25,683,839
2020	\$23,423,477	\$1,729,104	\$25,152,581
2021	\$4,376,086	\$542,207	\$4,918,293





#### DROP and ORP Report As of September 30, 2020

	<b>Current Month</b>		Quarter Ending	g 6/30/2020	Quarter Ending 3/31/2020	
DROP	Count	Balance	Count	Balance	Count	Balance
Traditional (At LASERS)						
Accruing HARP	4	\$422,659	3	\$337,508	3	\$297,410
Working After DROP	83	\$19,027,144	88	\$19,787,708	94	\$20,762,052
Retired After DROP	2,648	\$345,338,714	2,677	\$349,500,670	2,700	\$353,506,275
Retired-IBO	153	\$19,894,092	155	\$20,148,804	158	\$20,768,533
Total Traditional	2,888	\$384,682,609	2,923	\$389,774,690	2,955	\$395,334,269
Self-Directed						
Accruing (At LASERS)	1,300	\$66,687,177	1,348	\$67,588,738	1,353	\$67,253,543
Working After DROP, Retired						
& IBO (Empower)	7,575	\$609,859,116	7,500	\$600,677,956	7,419	\$582,157,579
Total Self-Directed	8,875	\$676,546,293	8,848	\$668,266,694	8,772	\$649,411,122
TOTALS	11,763	\$1,061,228,902	11,771	\$1,058,041,384	11,727	\$1,044,745,391
ORP						
Working & Inactive (Empower)	44	\$5,730,665	44	\$5,398,828	45	\$4,844,650



#### Board of Trustees Benefit Payees Added During Period 9/1/2020 - 9/30/2020

Regular		Survivor	
Under Age 55 at Retirement	17	Total	2
Age 55-59 at Retirement	26	Minimum Benefit	\$312
Age 60+ at Retirement	82	Maximum Benefit	\$624
Total	125	Minimum Age	45
Minimum Benefit	\$195	Maximum Age	45
Maximum Benefit	\$11,321	Minimum Years Service	13
Minimum Age	40	Maximum Years Service	13
Maximum Age	77	Average Age	45
Minimum Years Service	5	Average Service	13
Maximum Years Service	37	Average Gross Benefit	\$468
Average Age	61		
Average Service	22	Beneficiary	
Average Gross Benefit	\$2,443	Total	38
		Minimum Benefit	\$371
Disability		Maximum Benefit	\$5,253
Total	7	Minimum Age	49
Minimum Benefit	\$796	Maximum Age	79
Maximum Benefit	\$1,515	Minimum Years Service	6
Minimum Age	40	Maximum Years Service	40
Maximum Age	56	Average Age	61
Minimum Years Service	15	Average Service	24
Maximum Years Service	21	Average Gross Benefit	\$1,560
Average Age	50		
Average Service	16	Drop Accruals	
Average Gross Benefit	\$1,067	Total	42
		Average Age	56
		Average Service	26
		Average Gross Benefit	\$3,913



### **Quarterly Travel Report**

#### For Twelve Months Ending September 30, 2020

Dates	Travel Description	Location	Attendees
<b>Board of Trustees</b>			
03/09 - 03/10/2020	RSEA	Lake Charles, LA	Beverly Hodges
03/02 - 03/05/2020	RSEA	Shreveport, LA	Beverly Hodges
		Monroe, LA	
		Alexandria, LA	
02/19 - 02/21/2020	LATEC	New Orleans, LA	Virginia Burton, Philip Qualls
02/18 - 02/19/2020	LA GFOA Conference	Baton Rouge, LA	Lori Pierce



### **Quarterly Travel Report**

#### For Twelve Months Ending September 30, 2020

Dates	Travel Description	Location	Attendees
LASERS Staff			
03/11/2020	RSEA	Lafayette, LA	Maris LeBlanc, Cindy Rougeou
03/09 - 03/10/2020	RSEA	Lake Charles, LA	Tina Grant, Cindy Rougeou
03/03/2020	Due Diligence Orchard Capital	Houston, TX	Darren Fournerat
03/02 - 03/05/2020	RSEA	Shreveport, LA	Trey Boudreaux, Cindy Rougeou
		Monroe, LA	
		Alexandria, LA	
02/19 - 02/20/2020	LATEC	New Orleans, LA	Darren Fournerat
01/05 - 01/09/2020	Due Diligence Arrowmark	Denver, CO	Darren Fournerat
11/23 - 12/03/2019	Due Diligence Entrust and Aksia	New York, NY	Bobby Beale
11/07 - 11/08/2019	Due Diligence Goldentree and Entrust	New York, NY	Bobby Beale
11/05 - 11/06/2019	Greenwich Economic Forum	Greenwich, CT	Bobby Beale
11/03 - 11/08/2019	Microsoft Conference	Orlando, FL	Johnathon Sprouse
11/02 - 11/04/2019	Due Diligence Stone Harbor	New York, NY	Bobby Beale
10/27 - 10/30/2019	APPFA	Lake Tahoe, CA	Nicole Xue
10/19 - 10/23/2019	NPEA	Naples, FL	Sarah Bell, Wendy Demouy
10/14 - 10/18/2019	Due Diligence Blackstone	New York, NY	Darren Fournerat
10/05 - 10/10/2019	PRISM Board of Directors Meeting	Atlanta, GA	Dan Bowden
10/04 - 10/10/2019	PMI Conference	Philadelphia, PA	Eric Schoonmaker
10/02 - 10/06/2019	Due Diligence KPS Capital Partners	New York, NY	Laney Sanders
10/02 - 10/03/2019	Due Diligence Bernhard Capital Partners	New Orleans, LA	Darren Fournerat, Reeves Pearce
09/30 - 10/03/2019	The Bank of Mellon Site Visit	Everett, MA	Reece Babin, Ryan Babin, Nicole Xue
09/27 - 10/02/2019	NASIO	Portland, ME	Bobby Beale, Laney Sanders

Mail: P.O. Box 44213 • Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4213

Phone: (toll-free) 1.800.256.3000 • (local) 225.922.0600

## October 2020 Management Committee Meeting Executive Director's Comments

#### **RSEA Conference**

- RSEA will host a virtual conference this year, November 9-13. I have already forwarded the registration form to you, for your convenience, should you choose to attend.
- I filmed LASERS conference presentation earlier this month.

#### **Agency Open Forum**

- Held via webinar Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- This forum provides an outreach to state agency HR and payroll professionals.

#### Office Closure:

LASERS will be closed on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for Election Day.

#### **PID Update**

- October Link Employee Newsletter is available on the Board Portal of the website.
- Special Legislative Session updates to "impact LASERS" bills are being made on the website and information distributed through Member Connection emails.
- COVID-19 Continuing to monitor the Governor's media briefings and Division of Administration website for Phase updates. Communications are sent to members and staff as needed.
- The Social Security Offsets video has been updated as part of the new virtual PREP presentation.
- PID completed the design and printing of the CAFR and PAFR.
- PID is currently promoting national Retirement Security Month through the website, social media, and Member Connection emails.
- RSEA Annual Conference Virtual conference will be held November 9-13. Check the RSEA website for registration information. We submitted a 4-minute introductory video with Cindy Rougeou and our 10 Hot Topics for Retirees video for the LASERS presentation.
- Louisiana Photo Submissions Deadline for submissions is October 31. Selected images will be used in LASERS print and digital publications, as well as the website.

#### • Current PID Stats:

0	Website Page views:	54,707
0	Website Users:	17,166
0	Facebook Followers:	2,169
0	Twitter Followers:	690
0	YouTube Subscribers:	549
0	Paperless Beam Subs:	4,677
0	MINT Email Subscribers:	4,851
0	Member Connection Subs:	63,472



# NOTICE AND AGENDA Board Meeting Thursday, October 22, 2020 Immediately following Management Committee

The Board of Trustees will meet in the fourth floor Board Room of the Retirement Systems Building, 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- **III. PUBLIC COMMENT** (allowed upon request before action items)
- IV. REGULAR BUSINESS
  - 1. Approval of the minutes of the September 24, 2020 Board Meeting (Action Item)

    Thomas Bickham, Board Chair
  - 2. Report and Recommendations of the Investment Committee (Action Item)

    William Kleinpeter, Investment Committee Chair
  - 3. Report and Recommendations of the Management Committee (Action Item)

    Janice Lansing, Management Committee Chair
  - Acknowledgement of Receipt of Administrative Errors Report/Documentation (Action Item)

Tina Grant, Executive Counsel

- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - 1. LASERS New Employees (March Present)

    Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director
- VI. OTHER BUSINESS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: If special accommodations are needed, please contact this office prior to meeting.





## Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System Regular Board Meeting September 24, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System met on Thursday, September 24, 2020, in the fourth floor Board Room of the Retirement Systems building, 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Thomas Bickham, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:51 p.m. Roll call was conducted by Ms. Beth Labello, recording secretary.

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Members Present: Mr. Thomas Bickham, Ms. Virginia Burton, Mr. Charles

Castille, Ms. Beverly Hodges, Judge William Kleinpeter, Ms. Amy Mathews (designee of the Treasurer), Mr. Rick McGimsey (designee of the Commissioner), Ms. Janice Lansing, Ms. Barbara McManus, Senator Barrow Peacock,

Ms. Lori Pierce, and Ms. Shannon Templet

Members Absent: Representative Lance Harris

Staff Present: Ms. Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director; Mr. Trey

Boudreaux, Chief of Staff; Ms. Tina Grant, Executive Counsel; Mr. Bobby Beale, Chief Investment Officer; Ms. Tricia Gibbons, Retirement Benefits Administrator; Mr. Ryan Babin, Audit Director; Ms. Mallory Sharp, Public Information Officer; Mr. Mark Diaz, Public Information Officer; Mr. Don Milner, IT Management Consultant; and

Ms. Beth Labello, Recording Secretary

A quorum was declared present and the meeting opened for business. Mr. Bickham called for Public Comment. There were no public comments.

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#### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Mr. Bickham called for approval of the minutes of the July 23, 2020 Board Meeting. Ms. McManus moved, seconded by Judge Kleinpeter, to approve the minutes. With no objection or discussion, the motion passed.

Ms. McManus reported the Audit Committee met on Thursday, September 24, 2020, and had the following item to report:

Ms. McManus moved, seconded by Judge Kleinpeter, to approve the External Audit Report for FYE 2020. With no objection or discussion, the motion passed.

Judge Kleinpeter reported the Investment Committee met on Thursday, September 24, 2020, and had no items to report.

Ms. Lansing reported the Management Committee met on Thursday, September 24, 2020, and had the following items to report:

Ms. Lansing moved, seconded by Ms. Mathews, to approve the Disability Excess Earnings Report, as presented. With no objection or discussion, the motion passed.

Ms. Lansing moved, seconded by Ms. McManus, to approve the proposed 2021 Board meeting dates, as presented. With no objection or discussion, the motion passed.

Ms. Lansing moved, seconded by Ms. McManus, to adopt the June 30, 2020 Actuarial Valuation with a projected contribution rate based on the 7.4% discount rate. With no objection or discussion, the motion passed.

Ms. Lansing moved, seconded by Ms. McManus, to approve the August and September 2020 Disability Retirement Reports. With no objection or discussion, the motion passed.

Ms. Lansing moved, seconded by Ms. McManus, to accept the annual evaluation and proposed goals of the Executive Director for FY 2020-21, with a 2% salary increase in pay, effective October 1, 2020, to be implemented as discussed, as certified by the chair of the Management Committee. With no objection or discussion, the motion passed.

Ms. Grant presented the administrative errors report. Judge Kleinpeter moved, seconded by Ms. McManus, to acknowledge receipt of the administrative errors report and documentation. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no other business to discuss.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Rougeou announced she was blessed to work for LASERS and the Board.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director



#### **Administrative Error Report**

October 22, 2020

Member's Name: Richard Brinkman

Agency: Louisiana Workforce Commission

Reason for Administrative Error: Incorrect Termination Date

Changed from 6/27/2020 to 6/26/2020

Member's Name: Diane Matthews

Agency: Judicial Expense Fund

Reason for Administrative Error: Incorrect Application Submitted

Incorrect Leave Selection

Allowed Member to Retire with an IBO &

Changed Leave Selection from Convert to Lump

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Member's Name: Carleen Monroe

Agency: Jefferson Parish Public School System

Reason for Administrative Error: Incorrect Termination Date

Changed from 7/31/2020 to 6/1/2020

Member's Name: Denise Thevenot

Agency: Louisiana Tax Free Shopping

Reason for Administrative Error: Incorrect termination Date

Changed from 8/9/2020 to 8/7/2020



Date:

September 11, 2020

To:

Cindy Rougeou

Tina V. Grant

From:

Tricia Gibbons

Subject:

Administrative Error - Incorrect Termination Date

Member Information:

Name:

Richard Brinkman

SSN:

xxx-xx-8896

This request for administrative error is for an employee with the Louisiana Workforce Commission (00540). We received an application for retirement on 6/24/2020 listing an incorrect termination date of 6/27/2020.

The agency has requested that the member be allowed to retire using a termination date of 6/26/2020 and a retirement date of 6/27/2020 since this was due to agency error.

I recommend that this request be approved.

Recommendation of Executive Counsel - Tina V. Grant

Recommendation of Executive Director - Cindy Rougeou

Cindy Rougeou (Seb 11, 2020 10:50 CDT)



1001 North 23rd Street Post Office Box 94094 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9094 (o) 225-342-3001 (F) 225-342-2051 www.laworks.net

John Bel Edwards, Governor Ava Dejole, Secretary

#### Office of Management and Finance Human Resources

August 13, 2020

LASERS
P.O. Box 44213
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4213

RE: Richard Brinkman

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Richard Brinkman's last day of employment was June 26, 2020, and his first day of retirement was June 27, 2020. However, I indicated Mr. Brinkman's last day of employment as June 27, 2020.

Please accept this letter as an administrative error and change Mr. Brinkman's last day of employment as June 26, 2020 instead of June 27, 2020.

Please call me at (225) 342-3264 or email me at <u>RBroussard3@lwc.la.gov</u> if I can be further assistance.

Sincerely.

Ronald P. Broussard, Jr., MPA Human Resources Manager A

**Benefits** 



Date:

September 28, 2020

To:

Cindy Rougeou Tina V. Grant

From:

Tricia Gibbons

Subject:

Administrative Error – Incorrect Retirement Application Submitted

**Incorrect Leave Option** 

Member Information:

Name:

Diane Matthews

SSN: xxx-xx-4866

This request for administrative error is for an employee with the Judicial Expense Fund (00343). On 7/31/2020, we received Form 6-01, Application for Retirement listing a termination date of 8/2/2020. On 8/10/2020, we received Form 6-01A along with an administrative error letter. The agency requests that the member be allowed to retire with an IBO using a termination date of 8/2/2020 and to change her leave option from convert to lump sum since the incorrect application was provided.

The agency requests that the member be allowed to retire with an IBO using a termination date of 8/2/2020 and a retirement date of 8/3/2020 as well as to receive a lump sum of her leave since this was due to agency error.

I recommend that this request be approved.

Recommendation of Executive Counsel - Tina V. Grant

Tina Grant

Tina Grant (Sep 28, 2020 14:16 CDT)

Recommendation of Executive Director - Cindy Rougeou

Cindy Rougeou (Sep 28, 2020 14:20 CDT)

LASERS Benefits Louisiana.

# Judicial Expense Fund

320 Civil Courts Building 421 Loyola Ave. New Orleans, La. 70112

(504) 407-0370

Wax (504) 592-9279

August 31, 2020

Ms. Pamela Porterfield Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System P. O. Box 44213 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4213

Re: Diane Mathews - Retirement

Dear Ms. Porterfield:

Ms. Diane Mathews retired from the Judicial Expense Fund on August 2, 2020. We inadvertently gave her the wrong Application for Retirement (Form 06-01) to complete. Also, Ms. Mathews changed her Leave Payment Option from Convert to Lump Sum payment. Please accept and approve the correct Application for Retirement with Initial Benefit Option (Form 6-1A) with a termination date of August 2, 2020.

Both applications are included for your convenience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 504.407.0370.

Sincerely,

Traci Dias

Judicial Administrator

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Date: September 28, 2020

To: Cindy Rougeou

Tina V. Grant

From: Tricia Gibbons

Subject: Administrative Error – Incorrect Termination Date

Member Information:

Name: Carleen Monroe SSN: xxx-xx-5388

This request for administrative error is for an employee with the Jefferson Parish Public School System (00103). We received an application for retirement on 7/31/2020 listing an incorrect termination date of 7/31/2020.

The agency has requested that the member be allowed to retire using a termination date of 6/1/2020 and a retirement date of 6/2/2020 since this was due to agency error.

I recommend that this request be approved.

Recommendation of Executive Counsel – Tina V. Grant

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Recommendation of Executive Director - Cindy Rougeou

Cynthia Rougeou (Sep 28, 2020 14:21 CDT)

LASERS Benefits Louisiana.



**Dr. James Gray** Superintendent

**Donna W. Joseph** Chief Human Resources Officer

September 23, 2020

#### **VIA EMAIL**

Ms. Tanasha Brown Retirement Benefits Analyst III LASERS

Re: Carleen Monroe (5388)

Dear Ms. Brown,

Please be advised that Ms. Monroe's last day of work with Jefferson Parish Schools was June 1, 2020 not July 31, 2020 as previously reported on her retirement application letter. Please official approve this change. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely.

Tammy R. Percle
Director of Benefits
Jefferson Parish Schools
501 Manhattan Blvd.
P: 504-349-7878 | F: 504-349-7726
Tammy percles ipschools.org
We Love | We Learn | We Lead

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Date:

September 28, 2020

To:

Cindy Rougeou

Tina V. Grant

From:

Tricia Gibbons

Subject:

Administrative Error – Incorrect Termination Date

Member Information:

Name:

**Denise Thevenot** 

SSN:

xxx-xx-1633

This request for administrative error is for an employee with Louisiana Tax Free Shopping (00008). We received an application for retirement on 7/14/2020 listing an incorrect termination date of 8/9/2020.

The agency has requested that the member be allowed to retire using a termination date of 8/7/2020 and a retirement date of 8/8/2020 since this was due to agency error.

I recommend that this request be approved.

Recommendation of Executive Counsel - Tina V. Grant

Tina Grant (Ser 28, 2020 14:15 CDT)

Recommendation of Executive Director - Cindy Rougeou

Cynthia Rougeou (Sep 28 2020 14:21 CDT)



JOHN BEL EDWARDS
GOVERNOR



KIMBERLY LEWIS ROBINSON
Secretary

August 24, 2020

RE: Denise Thevenot

Last 4 Digits SS# 1633

To Whom It May Concern

I am requesting administrative assistance for the Louisiana Department of Revenue.

The above employee's last working day was August 7, 2020 with a retirement date of August 8, 2020. Unfortunately, I submitted the incorrect date on her retirement paperwork and it is causing a delay in processing. This error was an oversight and I am asking that you please excuse this error and process Ms. Thevenot's retirement application.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 225-219-2041.

Sincerely.

Ashley Favorite

Human Resource Specialist

Approved By:

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Joyce Anderson Undersecretary



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# 2020 Committee Assignments

#### Thomas Bickham, Board Chair

#### **Management Committee**

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Beverly Hodges William Kleinpeter

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Barbara McManus

Lori Pierce

Senator Ed Price/Barrow Peacock

Shannon Templet

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Barbara McManus
Lori Pierce
Senator Ed Price/Barrow Peacock
Shannon Templet

#### **Audit Committee**

Barbara McManus, Chair Virginia Burton William Kleinpeter Janice Lansing

<sup>\*</sup>Designee – Commisioner - D of A

<sup>\*\*</sup>Designee – Treasurer Schroder



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