

# Approved Board Minutes

**LOUISIANA CLERKS OF COURT RETIREMENT AND RELIEF FUND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA  
11:00 AM**

A meeting of the Retirement Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 1, 2010, at 11:00 AM in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by President Robby Barousse, who then called on Bill Hodge to give the invocation. Cliff Dressel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** President Robby Barousse, Louie Bernard, Mark Graffeo, Bill Hodge, Michael Thibodeaux, Hart Bourque, Gary Loftin, and Cliff Dressel were all present. Also in attendance: Executive Director, Debbie Hudnall; and Attorney, Randy Zinna, Guests present: Malise Prieto, Louis Perret, and Chris Kershaw, new employee of the Association.

Debbie introduced Chris Kershaw the new Controller of the Association, Chris thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for them and expressed how he was enjoying the new job.

Mark Graffeo moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue. Motion seconded by Gary Loftin. **Motion Carried.**

Mark Graffeo moved to return to Regular Session. Motion seconded by Gary Loftin. **Motion Carried.**

**COMMENTS BY ATTORNEY:** Randy Zinna reported that a few clerks had received deficiency notices from the Board of Ethics as to reporting the dollar amount of their clerk's salary on the financial disclosure. Randy informed the Board that he had spoken with Kathleen Allen, Ethics Administrator, and reminded her of their previous conversation wherein they discussed that Clerks of Court are not political subdivisions and therefore should report their salaries under Schedule E of the Financial Disclosures. He informed the Board that the matter had been placed on the agenda of the Ethic's Board Executive Session for February 11<sup>th</sup>. He advised the Board there was no need to compromise on this issue. He would be responding to the Ethic's Board on behalf of the Clerks that had received letters.

Randy reported that he is continuing to work of the Blackledge issue and was trying to get a copy of the recording to the attorney. He reported that J. Arthur Smith had agreed to continue the Mandamus that he had been filed.

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Randy further reported that Alan Breithaupt, the attorney working on the New Orleans litigation, would be in attendance at the February 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to discuss the settlement proposal.

Mr. Zinna also reported that he was continuing to work on the fee litigation because the settlement was no longer in place.

Malise Prieto reported that she had spoken to two of her legislators and reported it was the intention of the legislators to look closely at all retirement systems in the upcoming legislation.


Cliff Dressel moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Michael Thibodeaux.

**Meeting adjourned.**

**APPROVED:**

S/Robby Barousse  
Robby Barousse  
President

Respectfully submitted,

  
Debbie D. Hudnall  
Executive Director