

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

Chair: Senator Sandra L. Pappas

February 12, 2014, 1:00 p.m. February 13, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

Room 107 Capitol

TWO-DAY AGENDA

Note: Topic consideration may follow a different order depending on presenter/testifier availability.

February 12, 2014, 1:00 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes.
2. Commission interim project: Membership inclusions and exclusions, third consideration (continued).
 - PERA minimum salary level for inclusion: Additional testimony and consideration of options.
 - Commission staff memo: Potential proposed legislation reorganizing and updating MSRS, PERA, and TRA membership inclusions and exclusions statutory provisions.

Testifiers: Gus Froemke, Comm. & Govt. Relations Director, Minnesota Teamsters # 320
Written testimony from Keith Carlson, Executive Director, Minnesota Inter-County Association
3. Commission interim project: Actuarial assumptions, third consideration; Post-retirement adjustment actuarial assumption options.

Testifiers: Joan Beaver, Education Minnesota Retired
Tom Threinen, Retired Duluth School Principal
Written testimony from Dennis Hoelscher, PERA-P&F retiree
4. Commission interim project: PERA-P&F early retirement reduction factors and impact on police officer supply, first consideration.
 - Presentations by representatives of:
 - Association of Minnesota Counties..... Beau Berentson General Govt. Policy Analyst
and Minnesota Sheriff's Association..... (James Franklin, Exec.Dir., is available for questions)
 - League of Minnesota Cities..... Anne Finn, Asst. Intergovernmental Relations Director
 - Minneapolis Police Federation..... Brian Rice, Rice Michels & Walther
 - Minnesota Peace Officer Standards & Training Board... Neil W. Melton, Executive Director
 - Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association..... Dennis J. Flaherty, Executive Director
 - Minnesota Professional Firefighters Chris Parsons, President
 - Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System..... Joe Mulford, Asst. Dir., Education Industry Partnerships
 - Public Employees Retirement Association Mary Vanek, Executive Director

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5. S.F. 713 (Pappas); H.F. 872 (Kahn): MnSCU; Eliminate early retirement incentive sunset date.
6. S.F. 764 (Pappas); H.F. 871 (Kahn): MnSCU; Eliminate sunset date on eligibility to elect TRA coverage.
7. S.F. 765 (Pappas); H.F. 870 (Kahn): MnSCU; Increase maximum salary for the annuitant return-to-work provision.

Testifiers: Russ Stanton, Director of Government Relations, Inter-Faculty Organization
Written testimony from Mark D. Carlson, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, MnSCU
8. S.F. 1326 (Goodwin); H.F. 1410 (Nelson): MSRS; Deferred members permitted to vote in board elections.
9. S.F. xxxx; H.F. 1352 (Marquart): PERA-P&F; Disability benefit application deadline extension for certain Wadena County sheriff's deputy.
10. S.F. xxxx; H.F. 1873 (O'Driscoll): PERA-General; Coverage exclusion for St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission employees.

Testifiers: Ryan Daniel, Executive Director, St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission
Dave Tripp, Former Executive Director, St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission
11. S.F. xxxx; H.F. 1894 (McNamar): PERA-General; Coverage for Stevens County Housing and Redevelopment Authority employees.

Testifiers: Josh Heggem, Pemberton Law Office
12. Other items as designated by the Commission chair.

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