



March 7, 2017

Room G-15 Capitol

MINUTES

Call to order:

Senator Julie A. Rosen, Chair of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commission Members Present:

Representatives Anderson, Murphy, O'Driscoll, Peterson, and Vogel
Senators Dahms, Jasinski, Limmer, Pappas, Rosen, Schoen, and Senjem

Commission Members Absent:

Representatives Albright and Thissen

Agenda Items

Public Employees Retirement Association privatizations

Doug Anderson, Executive Director, and Shana Jones, Policy Director, PERA reviewed their presentation entitled "*Enhanced Benefits for Privatized Former Public Employees.*"

Approval of minutes.

Rep. O'Driscoll moved approval of the February 28, 2017, meeting minutes. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 522 (Frentz); H.F. 637 (Johnson, C.): MSRS-Correctional; Including additional Department of Human Services employees in plan coverage.

Sen. Nick Frentz presented and testified in support of his bill.

Brian Rud, Physical Therapist, St. Peter Forensic Campus, testified in support of the bill.

Richard Kolodzieski, Public Affairs and Communications Director, Minnesota Association of Professional Employees (MAPE), testified in support of the bill.

Rachel Barth, Deputy Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, reviewed amendment S0522-1A.

Sean Tolefree, Deputy Human Resources Director, Department of Human Services, testified that the Department followed the review process and the position fits the criteria to be included in the plan.

Sen. Jasinski moved amendment S0522-1A. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Sen. Jasinski moved SF522/HF637, as amended, be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the omnibus pension bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1705 (Rosen); H.F. 2126 (O'Driscoll): MSRS; Revising augmentation rates for certain terminated privatized employees (Fairview).

Susan Lenczewski, Executive Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, referred members to the Fairview Report, which was required to be done during the legislative interim.

Erin Leonard, Executive Director, and Chad Burkitt, Legislative Liaison, MSRS, reviewed their presentation on the University of Minnesota Hospital and Clinic privatization and the board's proposal.

Brian Rice, representing AFSCME Council 5, testified in opposition to the bill and the amendments.

Rena Garni, who would be affected by the bill, testified in opposition to the bill and the amendments.

Dave Giese, who would be affected by the bill, testified in opposition to the bill and the amendments.

Diane Johnson, who would be affected by the bill, testified in opposition to the bill and the amendments.

Gayle Stromquist and Daniel Stromquist, who would be affected by the bill, testified in opposition to the bill and the amendments and provided a handout.

There was no action on the bill.

S.F. 436 (Pappas); H.F. 977 (O'Driscoll): MSRS-Correctional; Including additional Department of Corrections employees in plan coverage.

Bruce Reiser, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Corrections, testified in support of the bill.

Lori Kingston, Human Resources Director, Department of Corrections, testified in support of the bill.

Sen. Pappas moved SF436/HF977 be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the omnibus pension bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.