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REMOTE MEETING

MINUTES

Call to order:

Senator Julie Rosen called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. The meeting was conducted through Zoom and broadcast via YouTube.

Commission Members Present:

Representatives Berg, Frederick, Murphy, Nelson, O'Driscoll, and Rasmusson
Senators Frentz, Howe, Jasinski, Pappas, Rarick, Rosen, and Senjem

Commission Members Absent:

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Agenda Items

Approval of February 15 and March 8, 2022, meeting minutes.

Sen. Jasinski moved approval of the February 15 and March 8, 2022, meeting minutes. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

SF 2913- Bigham; HF 4012- Masin: Teacher plans; Suspends earnings limitation for Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) and St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association (SPTRFA) retired teachers who return to teaching.

Senator Karla Bigham presented and testified in support of her bill.

Chad Burkitt, Analyst, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, reviewed the staff summary.

Jay Stoffel, Executive Director, Teachers Retirement Association (TRA), testified that TRA has no objection to the bill.

Jill Schurtz, Executive Director, St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association (SPTRFA), testified that SPTRFA has no objection to the bill.

SF 2913/HF 4012 was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus pension & retirement bill.

SF 3556- Frentz; HF 3671- Frederick: MSRS Correctional; Adds Residential Program Lead to the list of positions at the Department of Human Services (DHS) that are covered by the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) Correctional Plan.

Rep. Frederick and Sen. Frentz presented and testified in support of their bill.

Mr. Burkitt reviewed the staff summary of the bill.

Deputy Commissioner Chuck Johnson, Dept. of Human Services (DHS), testified in support of the bill.

Erin Leonard, Executive Director, Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS), testified that MSRS does not have a position on the bill.

SF 3556/HF 3671 was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus pension & retirement bill.

SF 3872- Draheim; HF 4186- Pfarr: MSRS Correctional; Adds Dental Hygienist to the list of positions at the Department of Human Services (DHS) that are covered by the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) Correctional Plan.

Senator Rich Draheim presented and testified in support of his bill.

Mr. Burkitt reviewed the staff summary.

Kim Gibbs, Dental Hygienist, Department of Human Services (DHS), testified in support of the bill.

Deputy Commissioner Chuck Johnson, DHS, testified that DHS does not have a position on the bill.

Erin Leonard, MSRS Executive Director, testified that MSRS does not have a position on the bill.

SF 3872/HF 4186 was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus pension & retirement bill.

SF 2546- Pappas: All plans; Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to provide disability assessments.

Sen. Pappas moved Amendment S2546-1A. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Sen. Pappas presented and testified in support of her bill.

Susan Lenczewski, LCPR Executive Director, reviewed the staff summary of the bill, as amended.

Dr. Brian Goodroad, President, Minnesota Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) Coalition, testified in support of the bill.

Erin Leonard, MSRS Executive Director, testified in support of the bill.

Amy Strenge, Policy Coordinator, Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), testified in support of the bill.

Rachel Barth, TRA Legal and Legislative Director, testified in support of the bill.

Jill Schurtz, SPTRFA Executive Director, testified in support of the bill.

SF 2546, as amended, was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus pension & retirement bill.

SF 3541- Rosen; HF 4016- Nelson, M.: Establishes a work group to study member communications by the statewide pension systems.

Ms. Lenczewski reviewed the staff summary of the bill.

Erin Leonard, MSRS Executive Director, testified that MSRS has concerns about the bill.

Doug Anderson, PERA Executive Director, testified that PERA also has concern about the bill.

Jay Stoffel, TRA Executive Director, testified that TRA has concerns about the bill.

SF 3541/HF 4016 was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus pension & retirement bill.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.