

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

Representative Kaohly Vang Her, Chair

Thursday, May 4, 2023 – 9:00 AM
State Office Building Basement Hearing Room

AGENDA

ACTION ITEM

1. Approval of [April 17, 2023](#), meeting minutes.

NON- ACTION ITEM *Informational hearing only, no formal action will be taken*

2. [HF 3294 \(Wolgamott\)](#); [SF 3314 \(Cwodzinski\)](#): Teachers Retirement Association (TRA); Lowering the normal retirement age to age 64; increasing employee and employer contributions for TRA and the Higher Education Individual Retirement Account Plan.

Staff review: Susan Lenczewski [Staff Summary](#), [Attachment](#)

- **Testifiers:**

- Lisa Olson, President, Elk River Education Association
- Rodney Rowe, Secretary-Treasurer, Education Minnesota
- Peter Eckhoff, President, Robbinsdale Federation of Teachers
- Tiffany Dittrich, President, White Bear Lake Area Educators
- Julie Seiler, band teacher of 33 years, Minnesota Public Schools
- Sarah Lancaster, 2022 MN Teacher of the Year, Onamia Public Schools
- Jonathan Bohn, Director of Public Affairs, Inter Faculty Organization (IFO)
- Andrea Cuene, Government Relations, Minnesota School Boards Association
- Jay Stoffel, Executive Director, Teachers Retirement Association (TRA)
- Phillip Tencick, Executive Director/CIO, St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association (SPTRFA)

- **Submitted Testimony:**

- [Steve Bliven](#), 5th grade teacher
- [Brent Bovitz](#), Eden Prairie
- [Steve Clouse](#), CTE teacher, Nashwauk-Keewatin ISD 319
- [Carol Dallman](#), teacher, Minneapolis Public Schools
- [Layne Danielson](#), Brainerd Public Schools
- [Jennifer Delveaux](#), teacher, Minneapolis Public Schools
- [Jon DeMars](#), teacher, Moundsview Public Schools
- [Jessica Frisco](#), Minnesota educator
- [Deb Hart](#), 3rd grade teacher, Heart of the Lakes Elementary, Perham
- [Laura Heuton](#), teacher, Rochester
- [Kimberly Husfeldt](#), Minnesota school psychologist

- [Lisa Jepson](#), Moorhead High math teacher
- [Amy Johnson](#), school social worker, ISD 624
- [Jesse Johnson](#), teacher
- [Matt Jones](#), business education teacher, Verndale Public School
- [Jeff Kocur](#), Hopkins High School
- [Bob Laine](#), Lake of the Woods High School
- [Elizabeth Osborne](#), 2nd grade teacher, Robbinsdale Area Schools
- [Cindy Palm](#), teacher, Moundsview
- [Paul Peterson](#), teacher, International Falls
- [Thomas Raymond](#), teacher, Shorewood
- [Jason Savage](#), teacher
- [William Schultz](#), 9-12 business teacher, PEM High School

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