

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

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Room 120, State Capitol

MINUTES

Call to order:

Chair Her called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Commission Members Present:

Representatives Her, Berg, Cha, Nadeau, Nelson, O'Driscoll, Wolgamott
Senators Frentz, Howe, Nelson, Pappas, Rasmusson, Seeberger, Westlin

Agenda Items

Approval of meeting minutes

Sen. Pappas moved approval of the [February 19, 2024](#), meeting minutes. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Approval of firefighter relief association actuarial assumption changes

- [Motion LCPR24-M3](#): Brooklyn Center Firefighters' Relief Association
- [Motion LCPR24-M4](#): Minnetonka Firemen's Relief Association
- [Motion LCPR24-M5](#): Chaska Fire Department Relief Association

Susan Lenczewski, Executive Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement (LCPR), reviewed the motions.

Christopher Pierce, Board President, Chaska Fire Department Relief Association, testified in support of Motion LCPR24-M5.

Chair Her moved motions LCPR24-M3, LCPR24-M4, and LCPR24-M5. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 3636 (Cha); SF 3574 (Pappas): Recommendations of the State Auditor's Volunteer Fire Relief Association Working Group ([staff summary](#))

State Auditor Julie Blaha reviewed her [presentation](#) and testified in support of the bill.

Rose Hennessy Allen, Pension Director, Office of the State Auditor, also reviewed the presentation and testified in support of the bill.

Chief Eric Bullen, President, Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association, and Fire Chief, Albertville Fire Department, testified in support of the bill.

Aaron Johnston, Treasurer, Coon Rapids Fire Relief Association, testified in support of the bill.

Rep. Cha moved HF 3636/SF 3574 be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the 2024 Omnibus Pension and Retirement bill. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Report on the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan (PERA SVF) Incentive Program

Doug Anderson, Executive Director, Public Employees Retirement Association reviewed his [presentation](#).

HF xxxx (Berg); SF xxxx (Nelson), [Revisor #24- 07097](#): Public Employees Police and Fire Retirement Plan (PERA P&F); Revising eligibility for firefighters

Sean Kelly, Deputy Director, LCPR, reviewed the [staff summary](#).

Deputy Chief Holly Mulholland, Rochester Fire Department, testified in support of the bill.

Chief Bullen testified in support of the bill.

Mr. Anderson testified that PERA supports the bill.

Chair Her laid Revisor #24-07097 over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.