

# Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

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Rep. Kaohly Her, Chair  
Rep. Tim O'Driscoll, Secretary  
Rep. Kaela Berg  
Rep. Ethan Cha  
Rep. Danny Nadeau  
Rep. Michael Nelson  
Rep. Dan Wolgamott

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Room 120, State Capitol

## MINUTES

### Call to order:

Chair Her called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

### Commission Members Present:

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

## Agenda Items

### Approval of meeting minutes

- Sen. Frentz moved approval of the March 11, 2024, meeting minutes. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF 3675 (Wolgamott); SF 3822 (Kupec):** Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) General Plan; Unreduced early retirement annuity for select Department of Corrections employees if the employee is at least 62 years old or has at least 30 years of service.

- Rep. Wolgamott moved that HF3675/SF3822 be laid over.

Sean Kelly, Deputy Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement (LCPR), reviewed the staff summary of the bill and amendment H3675-1A.

- Rep. Wolgamott moved Amendment H3675-1A. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testimony on HF3675/SF3822:

Erin Leonard, Executive Director, MSRS, testified that MSRS is normally neutral on these types of bills if the bill is funded, but they have concerns about plan member equity and that the bill does not include an increase in contributions to fund the cost of the benefit increase.

Katie Marek, Intensive Supervised Release Agent, MAPE member, testified in support of the bill.

Jim Hawkins, Ramsey County Probation Officer, testified in support of the amendment.

Janene Altman, Ramsey County Probation Officer, testified in support of the amendment.

Doug Anderson, Executive Director, PERA, testified that the PERA does not have a position but that the MSRS concerns also apply to PERA in light of the amendment.

Devin Bruce, legislative director, MAPE, testified that they looked at including the corrections agents in the Correctional plan, but there is no money to cover the cost of the increase in employer contributions.

- Rep. Wolgamott renewed his motion that HF3675/SF3822, as amended, be laid over. The bill was laid over.

**HF 4081 (Stephenson); SF 4092 (Gustafson):** Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Correctional Plan; Increasing the benefit multiplier from 1.9% to 2.2% for prospective service; increasing employee and employer contributions.

- Chair Her moved to lay over HF4081/SF4092.

Rep. Stephenson and Sen. Gustafson presented HF4081/SF4092.

Mr. Kelly reviewed the staff summary of the bill.

Testimony on HF4081/SF4092:

Doug Anderson, Executive Director, PERA, testified that the board's position is that increasing the benefit multiplier is reasonable as long as the employees and employers bear the cost. Anoka County Sheriff Brad Wise testified in support of the bill.

Submitted testimony on HF4081/SF4092 was received from:

Minnesota Correctional Officer Retirement Association (MNCORA); and  
Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) and Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA).

- Chair Her renewed her motion to lay over HF4081/SF4092. The bill was laid over.

**HF 4933 (Nadeau); SF 4968 (Pappas):** Teachers Retirement Association (TRA), St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association (SPTRFA); Extending the suspension of the earnings limitation for retired teachers who return to teaching.

- Chair Her moved HF4933/SF4968 be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the omnibus pension and retirement bill.

Rep. Nadeau and Sen. Pappas presented HF4933/SF4968.

Testimony on HF4933/SF4968:

Holly Dayton, Legislative Liaison, TRA, testified in support of the bill.

Phillip Tencick, Executive Director/CIO, SPTRFA, testified in support of the bill.

Kate Lynne Snyder, Lobbyist, Education Minnesota, testified in support of the bill.

- Chair Her renewed her motion that HF4933/SF4968 be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the omnibus pension and retirement bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF 4899 (O'Driscoll); SF 5073 (Westlin):** PERA Defined Contribution Plan federal compliance.

- Rep. O'Driscoll moved HF4899/SF5073 be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the omnibus pension and retirement bill.
- Rep. O'Driscoll moved Amendment H4899-1A. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Rep. O'Driscoll and Sen. Westlin presented HF4899/SF5073.

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

Testimony on HF4899/SF5073:

Amy Streng, Policy Director, PERA, testified in support of the bill.

- Rep. O'Driscoll moved HF4899/SF5073, as amended, be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the omnibus pension and retirement bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF xxxx (Cha); SF 5062 (Rasmusson):** PERA Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan (SVF); Adding a defined contribution plan and making administrative changes.

- Rep. Cha moved HFxxxx/SF5062 be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the omnibus pension and retirement bill.

Rep. Cha and Sen. Rasmusson presented HFxxxx/SF5062.

Ms. Lenczewski reviewed the staff summary of the bill.

Testimony on HFxxxx/SF5062:

Doug Anderson, Executive Director, PERA, testified in support of the bill.

- Rep. Cha renewed his motion that HFxxxx/SF5062 be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the omnibus pension and retirement bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.