Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 5:30 PM
Room G15, State Capitol Building

Agenda

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1. Approval of the April 14, 2026, meeting minutes.

2. SF4860 (Pappas); HF4812 (Lillie): SPTRFA; decreasing employee contributions; increasing employer contributions and postretirement adjustments; appropriating money.
   - **The Chair has allocated 15 minutes for testimony on this agenda item. Individuals scheduled to give testimony at the meeting on the 14th and previously submitted written testimony will appear again on the agenda when it is re-posted on the morning of the 21st.**
   - SF4860-HF4812 Summary
   - Testifiers:
     - Hannah Geimer, 2nd Grade Teacher, Saint Paul Public Schools
     - Eric Erickson, Teacher, Como Park High School
     - Arazue Foroozan, Teacher, Saint Paul Public Schools
     - Lisa Houdek, Teacher, Saint Paul Public Schools
     - Phill Tencick, Executive Director & Chief Investment Officer, St. Paul Teacher's Retirement Fund Association
       - Handout: SPTRFA Member Count by Legislative District
   - Submitted Testimony:
     - Letter from Monica Byron, President, Education Minnesota
     - Letter from Leah VanDassor, President, Saint Paul Federation of Educators, Local #28
     - Testimony received from Saint Paul Public Schools Teachers (Testimony from 4.14 meeting; Testimony for 4.21 meeting):
       - Janice Bisch, Teacher, SPPS
       - Elizabeth Blyakher, Teacher, Highland Park Senior High
       - Roni Bozvay, English Language Learner Teacher, SPPS
       - Elizabeth Brzinski, Teacher, SPPS

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Persons interested in testifying must email Mollie Pierson at mollie.pierson@lcpr.mn.gov by **4:00 PM on April 20,** identifying the specific agenda item on which you would like to testify, your name, organization and title (if applicable), email address, and phone number. Testimony is limited to the items on the agenda. **To submit written testimony on an agenda item**, please submit documents to mollie.pierson@lcpr.mn.gov **by 4:00 PM on Monday, April 20.**

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- Natalee D'Amore, Counselor & Secondary English Teacher, SPPS
- Eric Erickson, Teacher, Como Park High School
- Arazue Foroozan, Teacher, SPPS
- Nick Gasho, English Language Learner and French teacher, SPPS
- Hannah Geimer, 2nd Grade Teacher, SPPS
- Alexandra Hawksford, English Teacher & Debate Coach, SPPS
- Lisa Houdek, Teacher, SPPS
- Erica Hunt, Social Studies Teacher, Saint Paul Central High School
- Kathleen Karp, High School Counselor, Saint Paul Central High School
- Megan King, Teacher, Saint Paul Central High School
- Jack Kozlowsi, Teacher, Saint Paul Central High School
- Kathleen J. Lang, 3rd Grade Teacher, Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented Magnet School
- Micha Langenberg, Teacher, SPPS
- Dan Mattimiro, Teacher, SPPS
- Mike McKay, Math Teacher, SPPS, SPTRFA Trustee
- Stephanie McCleerey, Teacher, SPPS
- Rubens Modelli, High School Science Teacher, SPPS
- John Mowry, Math Teacher, SPPS
- Brad Ollman, Music Teacher, Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented Magnet School
- Brian Paulson, Math Teacher, Saint Paul Central High School
- Lynn Peterson, High School Health Teacher, SPPS
- Brian Reinhardt, Teacher & Coach, SPPS
- Jennifer Singerhouse, Learning Coordinator, St. Paul Central High School
- Marcela Telleria, High School Spanish Teacher, SPPS
- Dayna Thomas, Elementary teacher, SPPS
- Becky Valek, School Counselor, SPPS
- Erin Whitcraft, English Teacher, SPPS
- Steven Yernberg, Math Teacher, Saint Paul Central High School
- Nicholas Onorato, Spanish Teacher, SPPS
- Alec Timmerman, Teacher, SPPS
- Anna Witt, Teachers, SPPS
- Jason Schulkebier, Counselor, Highland Park Sr. High
- Hedi Geimer, Retired Teacher, SPPS
- Jonathan Oppenheimer, Social Worker, SPPS
- Ryan Backman, Math Teacher, Saint Paul Central High School
- Mai Sue Lee, School Counselor, SPPS

3. HF4402 (Jordan): PERA General; special legislation authorizing purchase of past service credit for periods of omitted service.
    - Amendment H4402-2A
    - HF4402 Summary

4. SF1122 (Frentz); HF139 (O'Driscoll): PERA Police & Fire; MSRS State Patrol; increasing COLAs; reducing the waiting period for a PERA P&F Plan COLA.
    - **Individuals scheduled to give testimony at the meeting on the 14th and previously submitted written testimony will appear again on the agenda when it is re-posted on the morning of the 21st.**
    - Delete-everything amendment S1122-DE1

- S1122-DE1 Summary
- Testifiers:
  - Erin Leonard, Executive Director, Minnesota State Retirement Systems
  - David Titus, Executive Director, Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association
    - Handout: Letter from Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association
  - Brian Rice, Lobbyist, Rice, Walther & Mosely, LLP
    - Handout: Letter from Brian Rice on behalf of the Minnesota Retired Police Pension Association
  - Scott Vadnais, President, Minnesota Professional Firefighters
  - Mike LeDoux, Director of Legislative Affairs, Law Enforcement Labor Services
    - Handouts: 2021 LCPR COLA Study Report; LCPR Principles of Pension Policy
- Submitted testimony:
  - Letter from Shane Hallow, President, Hennepin County Association of Paramedics and EMTs
  - Letter from Law Enforcement Labor Services
  - Letter from Doug Anderson, Executive Director, Amy Strenge, Policy Coordinator, Public Employees Retirement Association

5. SF4572 (Rasmusson); HF4367 (Klevorn): State Board of Investment; modifying expense apportionment among funds managed by the SBI.
   - Amendment S4572-1A
   - Testifier:
     - John Mule, General Counsel, State Board of Investment

Laid over bills:

Because public testimony was taken when the laid over bills were previously heard, no additional in-person testimony will be taken.

6. HF 4162 (O'Driscoll): TRA; requiring the employer of a reemployed annuitant to make employer contributions.
   - Amendment H4162-1A – adopted by Commission on March 17
   - Delete-everything amendment H4162-DE1
   - HF4162 Summary

7. SF4766 (Seeberger); HF4723 (Johnson): Requiring firefighter relief associations to cover emergency medical providers; allowing participation in the PERA defined contribution plan and a relief association retirement plan.
   - Amendment S4766-1A – adopted by the Commission on April 14th
   - Amendment S4766-2A – adopted by the Commission on April 14th
   - Delete-everything amendment S4766-DE1
   - SF4766-HF4723 Summary

8. SF4767 (Seeberger); HF4724 (Johnson): Phasing in shorter vesting schedules for firefighter relief associations.
   - Amendment S4767-4A – adopted by the Commission on April 14th
   - Amendment S4767-5A – adopted by the Commission on April 14th
   - SF4767-HF4724 Summary