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Room G15, State Capitol Building

MINUTES

Call to order:

Chair Frentz called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Commission Members Present:

Senators Frentz, Nelson, Pappas, Rasmusson, Seeberger, and Westlin
Representatives Cha, Hill, Johnson, Lillie, Nadeau, O'Driscoll, and Stier

Commission Member Absent:

Senator Howe

Approval of the March 24, 2026, meeting minutes.

➤ Senator Pappas moved approval of the March 24, 2026, meeting minutes. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

SF4765 (Rasmusson); HF4429 (Nadeau): TRA and SPTRFA; lowering the age at which a TRA member may enter into a return- to- work agreement; extending the suspension of the earnings limitation for retired teachers who return to teaching.

Senator Rasmusson reviewed his bill.

Tim Maurer, Executive Director, Teachers Retirement Association, testified in support of the bill.

Phill Tencick, Executive Director & Chief Investment Officer, St. Paul Teachers' Retirement Fund Association, testified in support of the bill.

In response to a member's question, Susan Lenczewski, Executive Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions, testified that reemployment of retired teachers would have no impact on their pension under the bill.

➤ Representative O'Driscoll moved SF4765/HF4429, be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the 2026 omnibus pension bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

SF4721 (Frentz); HF4514 (Lillie): PERA Correctional; reducing the employee and employer contribution rates and increasing the postretirement adjustments.

Senator Frentz passed the gavel to Representative Lillie.

Senator Frentz briefly reviewed his bill.

Aleena Wilson, Analyst, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, reviewed the staff summary of SF4721-HF4514.

Doug Anderson, Executive Director, Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), testified in support of the bill. Mr. Anderson provided the following handouts:

[PERA Letter of Support for SF4721-HF4514](#)

[PERA Exhibits for SF4271-HF4514](#)

The following written testimony in support of the bill was submitted:

[Letter of Support from the Minnesota Correctional Officer Retirement Association](#)

[Letter of Support from the Minnesota Inter-County Association and the Association of Minnesota Counties](#)

[Letter of Support from Law Enforcement Labor Services](#)

- Senator Frentz moved SF4721/HF4514, be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the 2026 omnibus pension bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

SF4588 (Frentz); HF4517 (Lillie): MSRS, PERA, TRA; moving investment return assumption for calculating joint and survivor annuities from statute to the Standards' Appendix.

Senator Frentz briefly reviewed his bill.

Ms. Wilson reviewed the staff summary of the bill.

- Senator Frentz moved SF4588/HF4517, be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the 2026 omnibus pension bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF4402 (Jordan): PERA General; special legislation authorizing purchase of service credit for periods of omitted service.

Representative Sydney Jordan reviewed her bill.

Katie Topinka, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, City of Minneapolis, testified in support of the bill and provided additional background on the bill.

Senator Frentz offered Amendment H4402-1A.

Ms. Wilson reviewed Amendment H4402-1A.

Amy Strenge, Policy Coordinator, PERA, testified that the PERA Board does not have an official position on the bill but has concerns about the potential precedent the bill sets.

In response to a member's question, Josie Vautrin, Human Resources Project Manager, City of Minneapolis, testified that she believed the individual had at least five years of vested service and that the City would cover the cost of purchasing past service.

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In response to a member's question, Ms. Strenge testified that if an employee is hired as a seasonal employee for 6 months or less, the employee is not enrolled in PERA.

In response to a member's question, Ms. Vautrin testified that the individual is unable to return to work to gain further service credit.

The bill was laid over.

SF4587 (Westlin); HF4694 (O'Driscoll): Eliminating the requirement that 403(b) and 457(b) vendors and administrators annually file investment fees and rates of return with the LCPR.

Senator Westlin reviewed her bill.

Ms. Lenczewski reviewed the staff summary.

- Senator Frentz moved SF4587/HF4694, be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the 2026 omnibus pension bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

—The meeting recessed at 6:16 pm.—

Senator Frentz called the meeting back to order at 6:20 pm.

SF 3828 (Limmer); HF 3512 (Robbins): Special Legislation for the Maple Plain Fire Department; revising the allocation of surplus assets to firefighters upon termination from the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan.

Senator Robbins introduced her bill and offered the Delete-Everything Amendment (S3828-DE1).

Ms. Lenczewski reviewed the staff summary of the bill and the Delete-Everything Amendment (S3828-DE1).

- Senator Frentz moved the Delete-Everything Amendment S3828-DE1. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Ray McCoy, Maple Plain Firefighter, on behalf of Justin McCoy, President of the Maple Plain Fire Relief Association, read [Justin McCoy's letter](#) and testified in support of the bill.

Julie Blaha, State Auditor, Office of the State Auditor, testified in support of the bill.

Mr. Anderson testified in support of the amended bill. In response to a member's question, Mr. Anderson also testified that the allotted 60 days for the transfer of funds is an adequate amount of time.

Written testimony was submitted by [Troy Denneson, Trustee, Maple Plain Fire Relief Association](#), in opposition to the bill.

- Senator Rasmusson moved SF3828/HF3512, as amended, be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the 2026 omnibus pension bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.