

# Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

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## SENATE MEMBERS

Senator Julie A. Rosen, Chair  
Senator Sandra L. Pappas, Secretary  
Senator Gary H. Dahms  
Senator Nick A. Frentz  
Senator John R. Jasinski  
Senator Warren Limmer  
Senator David H. Senjem

## HOUSE MEMBERS

Representative Tim O'Driscoll, Vice Chair  
Representative Tony Albright  
Representative Sarah Anderson  
Representative Mary Murphy  
Representative Roz Peterson  
Representative Paul Thissen  
Representative Bob Vogel

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**March 13, 2018**

Room 1200, Minnesota Senate Building

## MINUTES

### Call to order:

Senator Julie A. Rosen, Chair of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

### Commission Members Present:

Representatives Albright, Anderson, Murphy, O'Driscoll, Peterson, Thissen, and Vogel  
Senators Dahms, Frentz, Jasinski, Limmer, Pappas, Rosen, and Senjem

### Agenda Items

#### **Approval of March 6, 2018, meeting minutes.**

Sen. Jasinski moved approval of the March 6, 2018, meeting minutes. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

#### **Minnesota Management and Budget testimony on the 2018 Omnibus Retirement Bill.**

Myron Frans, Commissioner, Minnesota Management and Budget, testified that the governor endorses the bill and will include the necessary funding in his supplemental budget.

#### **Motion LCPR18-M3: SPTRFA; Changes to demographic and economic actuarial assumptions.**

Susan Lenczewski, Executive Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, reviewed the motion.

Jill Schurtz, Executive Director, SPTRFA, testified in support of Motion LCPR18-M3.

Sen. Pappas moved motion LCPR18-M3. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

#### **SF3185-Frentz/HF3720-Thissen: PERA-General; Excluding certain St. Paul city and school district temporary construction employees who are covered by the Minnesota Laborers Pension Fund.**

Sen. Frentz presented and testified in support of his bill, indicating that both the City of St Paul and the school district have been informed and they have no problem with the bill.

Russell Hess, Political Coordinator, Laborers' District Council of Minnesota & North Dakota, testified in support of the bill.

Sen. Frentz moved SF3185/HF3720, be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the 2018 omnibus pension bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**SF2971-Lang/HF3353-Miller: PERA Privatizations; Clarifying a 1992 session law impacting employees of the Swift County/Benson Hospital.**

Sen. Lang and Rep. Miller presented and testified in support of their bill.

Sen Jasinski moved amendment S2871-1A. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Rob Wolfington, Benson City Administrator, testified in support of the bill.

Sarah Lewerentz, AFSCME Council 65, testified in support of the bill and the amendment.

Sen Jasinski moved SF2971/HF3353, as amended, be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the 2018 omnibus pension bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**SF2620-Rosen/HF3053-O'Driscoll: 2018 Omnibus Retirement Bill.**

Doug Anderson, Executive Director, PERA, reviewed the 30-year comparison chart.

Ms. Schurtz testified that St. Paul is making a supplemental contribution and that there is an historic payment in statute; there is not another supplemental payment being added.

Rachel Barth, Deputy Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, informed members that the State and the City of Minneapolis both make a supplemental payment that is not shown on chart because it is not new.

Ms. Lenczewski reviewed amendment S2620-1A.

Sen. Pappas moved amendment S2620-1A. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Eric Nauman, Senate Lead Fiscal Analyst, reviewed amendment SCS2620A-4 and the accompanying spreadsheet.

Sen. Dahms moved amendment SCS2620A-4A. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Sen. Pappas moved amendment S2620-4A. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Sen. Pappas moved amendment S2620-5A, which would remove various actuarial assumptions from statute and place them in the Standards for Actuarial Work. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Sen. Pappas moved to authorize staff to make any technical corrections to SF2620/HF3053 as necessary. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Sen. Rosen moved SF2620/HF3053, as amended, be adopted as the 2018 Omnibus Pension Bill.

Rep. Thissen requested a Roll Call.

Members voting aye:

Chair Rosen	Rep. Albright
Sen. Dahms	Rep. Anderson
Sen. Frentz	Rep. Murphy
Sen. Jasinski	Rep. O'Driscoll
Sen. Limmer	Rep. Peterson
Sen. Pappas	Rep. Thissen
Sen. Senjem	Rep. Vogel

There being 14 ayes and zero nays, the **MOTION PREVAILED**.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Lisa Diesslin, Commission Assistant