

# Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

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## HOUSE MEMBERS

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

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Senator Nick A. Frentz, Vice Chair  
Senator Jeff R. Howe  
Senator Erin P. Murphy  
Senator Carla J. Nelson  
Senator Sandra L. Pappas  
Senator Jordan Rasmusson  
Senator Judy Seeberger

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**March 20, 2023**

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, Murphy, Pappas, Rasmusson, Seeberger

## Agenda Items

### Approval of meeting minutes

Rep. Nelson moved approval of the March 16, 2023, meeting minutes. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Rep. Nelson assumed the chair.

### H.F. 1234 (Her), First Engrossment; S.F. 1959 (Frentz): Peace officer duty disability; report; appropriation.

Rep. Her and Sen. Frentz presented and testified in support of their bill.

Rep. Nelson moved [Amendment H1234-2A](#). **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Doug Anderson, Executive Director, Public Employees Retirement Association, reviewed and testified in support of Amendment H1234-2A and the bill.

Amy Strenge, Policy Coordinator, Public Employees Retirement Association, reviewed and testified in support of Amendment H1234-2A and the bill.

Jenny Max, Nisswa City Administrator, and Vice President, League of Minnesota Cities, testified in support of the bill.

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John Swenson, Lino Lakes Public Safety Director, on behalf of Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, testified in support of the bill.

Michelle Ness, duty disabled retired police officer, testified in opposition to the bill.

Adam Hamberg, duty disabled police officer, testified in opposition to the bill.

Wade Laszlo, President, Minnesota Correctional Officers Retirement Association (MNCORA) testified in opposition to the bill with regard to correctional officers and provided two letters from [MNCORA](#).

Charles Gollop, retired peace officer and Volunteer Mentor for Minnesota Association for Injured Peace Officers, testified in opposition to the bill.

Dan Schyma, medically Retired Apple Valley Police Officer, testified in opposition to the bill.

David Deal, President, Minnesota Public Employees Association (via Zoom), testified in opposition to the Correctional Plan inclusion in the bill.

Samantha Steward, Attorney, Meuser, Yackley & Rowland, and wife of a duty disabled police officer, testified in opposition to the bill.

Angie Strobel, duty disabled police officer, testified in opposition to the bill.

Russ Hanes, Founder/Executive Director, Invisible Wounds Project, testified in opposition to the bill.

Christopher Tuma, duty disabled retired Minneapolis Police Sergeant, testified in opposition to the bill.

Beth Jordan, LPCC, LADC (via Zoom), testified in opposition to the bill.

Wendy Wulff, spouse of disabled police sergeant, testified in opposition to the bill.

Megan Matson and retired police officer Arik Matson (via Zoom), testified in opposition to the bill.

The following entities and individuals submitted written testimony:

[Joint letter of support](#) from the League of Minnesota Cities, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, Metro Cities, Municipal Legislative Commission, and Minnesota Association of Small Cities

[Letter of support](#) from the Association of Minnesota Counties

[Travis and Shari Serafin](#)

[Susan Steward](#)

[John Mott](#)

[Frank Hintz](#)

[Heidi Murphy](#)

[Tracy Gross](#)

[Nick Weidner](#)

[Michelle Rockwood](#)

[Shaun Harrington](#)

[Karl Olson](#)

[Tim Evens](#)

[Duty Disability Recipient](#)

[Mike Helman](#)

[Chris and Alison Hetland](#)

[Lindsay Herron](#)

[Tim Schwab](#)

[Nick Larson](#)

Rep. Howe moved and then withdrew [Amendment H1234-5A](#).

Rep. Her moved and then withdrew [Amendment H1234-6A](#).

Rep. Nadeau moved and then withdrew [Amendment H1234-3A](#).

Rep. Her moved HF1234/SF1959, as amended, be recommended to pass and this recommendation be forwarded to the House and Senate committees of jurisdiction for this bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Rep. Her resumed the chair.

**H.F. 2713 (Nelson, M.); S.F. 2371 (Frentz): PERA; Increasing the COLA for basic members of the PERA General Plan.**

Susan Lenczewski, Executive Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement reviewed the bill and the staff [summary](#).

Rep. Nelson and Sen. Frentz presented and testified in support of the bill.

David Johnson, representing Minnesota Municipal Retirement Association, testified in support of the bill.

Brian Lokkesmoe, Vice President, Minnesota Municipal Retirement Association, testified in support of the bill.

Chair Her laid HF2713/SF2371 over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**H.F. 1923 (Wolgamott); S.F. 2140 (Seeberger): PERA P&F; Authorizing transfer of past service credit from the PERA General Plan to the P&F Plan for two Metropolitan Airport police officers.**

Ms. Lenczewski reviewed the staff [summary](#).

Rep. Wolgamott and Sen. Seeberger presented and testified in support of their bill.

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association submitted a [letter of support](#) for the bill.

Mark Schneider, general counsel, Law Enforcement Labor Services, testified in support of the bill.

Chair Her laid HF1923/SF2140 over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**[H.F. 1669 \(Anderson\)](#): PERA Defined Contribution Plan; Expanding coverage to include local government officials, whether elected or appointed. *[Note: Identical to [H.F. 2487 \(Wolgamott\)](#); [S.F. 2897 \(Seeberger\)](#)]***

Chair Her move [Amendment H1669-3A](#). **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Rep. Paul Anderson presented and testified in support of his bill and the amendment.

Ms. Lenczewski reviewed the staff [summary](#) of the bill and the amendment.

Nancy Barnsness, Deputy Clerk, New Prairie Township (via Zoom), testified in support of the bill.

Amy Strenge, PERA, testified in support of the bill and to PERA's intent to look at DC plan eligibility during interim.

Chair Her laid HF1669, as amended, over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**[S.F. 208 \(Howe\)](#): PERA; Extending the payment period for the purchase of service credit for periods of military service.**

Sen. Howe moved to lay on the table for further consideration at the March 22, 2023 meeting.

**[LCPR23- 033](#): St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association; Permits members who are in a same- sex marriage to designate their spouse as a survivor, even if they are in pay status.**

Sen. Rasmusson presented and testified in support of the bill.

Ms. Lenczewski reviewed the staff [summary](#).

Chair Her laid LCPR23-033 over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.