



March 28, 2007
Room 10 State Office Building

2nd Meeting

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

MINUTES

Call to order:

Representative Mary Murphy, Chair of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Commission Members Present:

Representatives Mary Murphy, Phyllis Kahn, Michael V. Nelson, Steve Smith, and Paul Thissen
Senators Don Betzold, Dan Larson, Ann Lynch, Mary A. Olson, and Betsy L. Wergin

Agenda Items

Consideration and Approval of Commission Rules for 2007-2008

Sen. Wergin moved adoption of the Commission rules. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Approval of Prior Commission Meeting Minutes

Rep. Nelson moved adoption of the March 6, 2007, Commission meeting minutes. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

H.F. 1667 (Shimanski); S.F. 1299 (Dille): PERA; Hutchinson Area Health Care Privatization

Ms. Mary Ellen Wells, President and CEO, Hutchinson Area Health Care, testified in support of the bill.

Mr. Lawrence Martin, Executive Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, reviewed the staff memo and policy issues raised by the bill.

Ms. Mary Vanek, Executive Director, PERA, testified that it is still reasonable to expect an actuarial gain.

Sen. Betzold moved H.F. 1667/S.F. 1299 be recommended to pass and be included in the omnibus pension bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

H.F. 876 (Swails); S.F. 2016 (Saltzman): PERA-General; Service Credit Purchase, St. Paul Department of Public Works Employee

Rep. Marsha Swails testified in support of her bill.

Mr. Pat Lowry, the person affected by the bill, testified in support of the bill.

Ms. Mary Vanek, Executive Director, PERA, testified that PERA received an e-mail from the payroll clerk verifying that Mr. Lowery's correct eligibility date should have been November 11, 1988.

Mr. Edward Burek, Deputy Director, LCPR, reviewed the proposed payment terms and discussed potential amendments to the bill.

Sen. Betzold moved H.F. 876/S.F. 2016 be recommended to pass and be included in the omnibus pension bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

H.F. 2130 (Peterson, A.); S.F. 1779 (Kubly): PERA; Late Disability Benefit Application; Former Benson School District Employee

Rep. Aaron Peterson and Sen. Gary Kubly testified in support of their bill.

Mr. Richard Lindstrom, the person affected by the bill, testified in support of the bill.

