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Room 15 Capitol

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

MINUTES

Call to order:

Representative Morrie Lanning, Chair of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Commission Members Present:

Representatives Phyllis Kahn, Mary Kiffmeyer, Morrie Lanning, Mary Murphy, and Steve Smith
Senators Roger Chamberlain, Theodore Daley, Sandra Pappas, Lawrence Pogemiller, and Julie Rosen

Agenda Items

Amendment LCPR11-12A; Minneapolis fire and police relief associations consolidation with PERA-P&F.

Chair Lanning announced that there would be no action taken on the amendment as there are still some items that need to be resolved by the affected parties.

Lawrence Martin, Executive Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, reviewed the staff materials and potential amendments to the amendment.

Rep. Jim Davnie and Sen. D. Scott Dibble presented and testified in support of the amendment.

Barbara Johnson, President, Minneapolis City Council, testified in support of the amendment.

Heather Johnston, Budget Officer, City of Minneapolis, testified in support of the amendment.

Susan Segal, Minneapolis City Attorney, answered members' questions regarding the amendment.

Brian Rice, General Counsel, Minneapolis police and fire relief associations, testified in support of the amendment.

Larry Ward, President, Minneapolis Police Relief Association, testified in support of the amendment.

Walter Schirmer, Executive Secretary, Minneapolis Firefighters Relief Association, testified in support of the amendment.

Mary Vanek, Executive Director, PERA, testified to PERA's concerns and recommended allowing the PERA Board of Trustees to set the effective date as was done for previous police and fire consolidations.

Kim Crockett, President, Minnesota Free Market Institute, testified in opposition to the amendment.

Lieutenant Mike Sauro, Minneapolis Police Relief Association member, testified in opposition to the amendment.

There was no action on the amendment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.