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TENTATIVE AGENDA

October 29-30, 2009 -- Room 137, State Capitol

Please note: All times are tentative. Some agenda items may take more or less time than scheduled

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2009

- 8:30 a.m. **Call to order; roll call** -- Senator Tropila, Presiding Officer
Approve written minutes from June 23rd and Oct. 1st meetings
Overview of meeting agenda -- Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst
- 8:35 a.m. **Agency oversight:** Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices
→ Commissioner Dennis Unsworth
→ Questions from Committee
- 8:50 a.m. **Presentation: Current and historical compensation of state employees**
→ Paula Stoll, Administrator, State Human Resources Division,
Department of Administration
→ Questions from the Committee
→ Public comment
- 9:25 a.m. **Presentation: Teacher compensation in Montana**
→ Tom Bilodeau, MEA-MFT
→ Questions from the Committee
→ Public comment
- 9:45 a.m. **Presentation: Actuaries 101: What do actuaries do and how do they do it?**
→ Stephen McElhaney, FSA -- Cheiron, actuary for MPERA
→ Questions from the Committee
- 10:45 a.m. **BREAK**
- 11:00 a.m. **Presentation: Actuarial valuation reports for the Public Employees' and Teachers' Retirement Systems**
→ Stephen McElhaney, Cherion
(11:45 p.m.) → Ed Macdonald, Cavanaugh Macdonald, actuary for TRS
→ Questions from the Committee
→ Public comment

- 12:30 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 1:30 p.m. **Status report on investment of retirement systems' assets**
→ Carroll South, Executive Director, Board of Investments
→ Questions from the Committee
→ Public comment
- 2:00 p.m. **Presentation: Public employee retirement plans in the United States:
past and present**
→ Ron Snell, Director, State Services Division, National Conference
of State Legislatures
(2:30 p.m.) → Questions from Committee
- 2:45 p.m. **BREAK**
- 3:00 p.m. **Presentation: Variations and developments in public employee
retirement plan design**
→ Keith Brainard, Research Director, National Association of State
Retirement Administrators (NASRA)
(3:30 p.m.) → Questions from the Committee
- 3:45 p.m. **Retirement systems' responses to market value of liabilities (MVL)
discussion**
→ David Senn, Teachers' Retirement System
→ Roxanne Minnehan, Public Employees' Retirement System
→ Questions from the Committee
→ Public comment
- 4:00 p.m. **Public comment on any subject under the Committee's jurisdiction**
- 4:15 p.m. **Handout RFI response folders - Rachel Weiss**
- Recess until 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 2009**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009

- 9:00 a.m. **Reconvene -- Roll call** -- Senator Tropila
- 9:01 a.m. **Agency oversight:** Updates from the Secretary of State's Office
→ Secretary of State Linda McCulloch
→ Questions from the Committee
- 9:15 a.m. **Litigation reports** -- David Niss, staff attorney
→ Questions from the Committee
→ Public comment
- 9:25 a.m. **Principles and Guidelines for Public Employee Retirement Systems** --
Rachel Weiss
- 9:35 a.m. **Committee discussion** -- revision and potential adoption of
guidelines
→ Adopt, adopt with changes, request more information, or revisit at
later meeting with further revisions
- 9:45 a.m. **Update: Public Employee Retirement Board's October 8th meeting** --
Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, MPERA
- 10:00 a.m. **Update/Review request for information (RFI) process/results** -- Rachel
Weiss and David Niss
→ Questions from the Committee
→ Public comment
- 10:45 a.m. **BREAK**
- 11 a.m. **Overview of HB 659 requirements** -- Rachel Weiss
- 11:10 a.m. **Committee discussion** -- Status of public employee retirement systems
*Note: The chairman may call for a break or lunch or for public comment
at an appropriate time.*
→ What, if anything, should be changed about the current retirement
systems, specifically TRS, as required by HB 659, and PERS,
GWPORS, and SRS?
→ What goals does SAVA want to achieve with these changes?
→ If something needs to be changed, can it be addressed within the
current design (a new tier) or is a new design needed?
→ If a new design is in order, what broad "type" of plan does SAVA
want to use? DB, DC, hybrid.
→ Are there models from other states upon which SAVA would like

- to base a plan?
- If more information is needed, what specific questions do members have?
- Does SAVA wish to issue an RFP to obtain plan design/actuarial consulting services to assist it with further work on HB 659?
See threshold questions in Summary of RFI Process Paper (green)

TBD **Public comment on any subject under SAVA's jurisdiction**

TBD **Other business:**

- Non-agency stakeholders' proposals to change retirement systems: Confirm April 22-23, 2010, as meeting to review non-agency proposals to change retirement systems; set deadline for submissions to staff (March 31, 2010); direct staff to notify non-agency stakeholders
- Agency proposals for 2011 legislation: confirm June 24-25, 2010 as meeting to review agency proposals for legislation; request submissions to staff by May 28th; direct staff to notify OBPP.
- Member issues, including any follow up on agencies' written updates

TBD **Instructions to staff** for further research and agenda for next meeting

TBD **Adjourn**

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