

NCPERS 2025 CHIEF OFFICERS SUMMIT

Where Public Pension Leaders Engage



June 16-18 | New York City, NY



FINAL AGENDA

(As of 6/10/25)

MONDAY, JUNE 16

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

This is an optional event for fund/stakeholder members only.

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION | 3rd Floor Pre-function Foyer

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION I | Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd FL.)

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Welcome Address

Hank Kim, Executive Director, NCPERS

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Sparking Connections: Introductions, Expectations, and Goals

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

NETWORKING RECEPTION | Grand Ballroom Salon C (3rd FL.)

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

7:00 AM – 5:30 PM	REGISTRATION 3 rd Floor Pre-function Foyer
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	BREAKFAST Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd FL.)
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	GENERAL SESSION II Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd FL.)
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Organizational Culture and Expanding the Talent Pool SPEAKERS: <i>Shunne Powell, Teacher Retirement System of Texas</i> <i>Elizabeth Reyes, NYC Employees' Retirement System (NYCERS)</i> <i>Sasha Talcott, KKR</i> EMCEE: <i>Erin Leonard, Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS)</i>
8:45 AM – 9:30 AM	How Does My Plan Stack Up? Meaningful Metrics for Comparing Public Plans SPEAKERS: <i>Jake Libauskas, Cheiron Inc.</i> <i>Greg Reardon, Cheiron Inc.</i> EMCEE: <i>Derrick Dagnan, Fort Worth Employees' Retirement Fund</i>
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	REFRESHMENT BREAK 3 rd Floor Pre-function Foyer

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

CONCURRENT TRACKS

CEO TRACK I	CIO TRACK I
Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd Fl.) The State of Financial Wellness in the Public Sector SPEAKERS <i>Chris Hanson, City of Austin Employees' Retirement System (COAERS)</i> <i>Matt Petersen, National Association of Government Defined Contribution Administrators (NAGDCA)</i> EMCEE <i>Kristi Paczkowski, City of Knoxville Employees' Pension System</i>	Grand Ballroom Salon C (3rd Fl.) Case Study: Delegated Authority and Various Discretion Models FACILITATOR <i>Derrick Dagnan, Fort Worth Employees' Retirement Fund</i>

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

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CEO TRACK I	CIO TRACK I
Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd Fl.) Workforce Survey: Trends in Recruitment and Retention SPEAKERS <i>Cara Woodson Welch, PSHRA</i> <i>Gerald Young, MissionSquare Research Institute</i> EMCEE <i>Mark White, Arkansas Teacher Retirement System</i>	Grand Ballroom Salon C (3rd Fl.) 360-Analysis of Secondary Markets SPEAKERS <i>Jennifer Choi, Institutional Limited Partners Association (ILPA)</i> <i>Jason Malinowski, Seattle City Employees' Retirement System</i> EMCEE <i>Bryan Fujita, Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions (LAFPP)</i>

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

CONCURRENT TRACKS

CEO TRACK I	CIO TRACK I
Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd FL.) Case Study: How to Build Staff Ownership in a Mission Driven Organization FACILITATOR <i>Chris Hanson, City of Austin Employees' Retirement System (COAERS)</i>	Grand Ballroom Salon C (3rd FL.) Economically Targeted Investments: Are They Appropriate for Public Pensions? SPEAKERS <i>Bryan Fujita, Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions (LAFPP)</i> <i>Kristin Varela, Hawaii Employees Retirement System</i> <i>Steven Meier, NYC Bureau of Asset Management</i> EMCEE <i>Christopher DiFusco, City of Philadelphia Board of Pensions & Retirement</i>

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

NETWORKING LUNCH | Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd FL.)

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM

CONCURRENT TRACKS

CEO TRACK II	CIO TRACK II
Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd FL.) Effective Use of Dashboards and Visualization Platforms SPEAKERS <i>Prabesh Prakash, NYC Employees Retirement System</i> EMCEE <i>Colleen Gardner, New York State & Local Retirement System</i>	Grand Ballroom Salon C (3rd FL.) Case Study: The Evolution of the Investment Consultant Industry FACILITATORS <i>Ryan Wagner, Dallas Police & Fire Pension System</i> <i>Jason Malinowski, Seattle City Employees' Retirement System</i>

2:15 PM – 3:00 PM

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CEO TRACK II	CIO TRACK II
Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd Fl.)	Grand Ballroom Salon C (3rd Fl.)
Facilitated Small Group Discussions	Facilitated Small Group Discussions

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION III | Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd Floor)

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

AI and Power- An Infrastructure Perspective

SPEAKERS:

Will Brilliant, Global Infrastructure Partners (BlackRock)

EMCEE:

Steven Meier, NYC Bureau of Asset Management

5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

NETWORKING RECEPTION & DINNER

[Delmonico's](#)

56 Beaver Street

(11-minute walk from the Marriott, 0.5 mi)

Attire: Business casual

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

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7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	BREAKFAST Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd FL.)
8:00 AM – 9:45 AM	GENERAL SESSION IV Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd FL.)
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Liquidity Management for Negative Cashflow Plans SPEAKERS: <i>Ryan Wagner, Dallas Police & Fire Pension System</i> <i>Eric Friedman, Aon</i> <i>Chris McDonough, Investment Performance Services</i> EMCEE: <i>Christopher DiFusco, City of Philadelphia Board of Pensions & Retirement</i>
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM	Economic and Geopolitical Outlook SPEAKER: <i>Henry McVey, KKR</i>
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	REFRESHMENT BREAK 3rd Floor Pre-function Foyer
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	CONCURRENT TRACKS

CEO TRACK III	CIO TRACK III
Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd FL.) How Can Pensions Create a Sustainable Partnership with Plan Sponsors Through Engagement? SPEAKERS <i>Abby Spieler, Missouri State Employees Retirement System (MOSERS)</i> <i>Jeffrey Weiler, Fairfax County Retirement Systems</i> <i>Christina Jackson, Fairfax County Government</i> EMCEE <i>Colleen Gardner, New York State & Local Retirement System</i>	Grand Ballroom Salon C (3rd FL.) The Pros and Cons of Asset Allocation Simplicity SPEAKERS <i>Jon Putnam, Montana Board of Investments</i> <i>Scott Simon, Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado</i> EMCEE <i>Rod June, LA City Employees Retirement System (LACERS)</i>

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

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CEO TRACK III	CIO TRACK III
Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd Fl.) Tools, Strategies, and Resources to Reach Younger Plan Participants SPEAKERS <i>Jennifer Benz, Segal</i> <i>Olivia Applegate, San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association (SBCERA)</i> EMCEE <i>Kristi Paczkowski, City of Knoxville Employees' Pension System</i>	Grand Ballroom Salon C (3rd Fl.) Case Study: Benchmark Best Practices FACILITATOR <i>Bryan Fujita, Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions (LAFPP)</i>

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM

REFRESHMENT BREAK | 3rd Floor Pre-function Foyer

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

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Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd Fl.) Organizational Health: The Journey of FPPA Towards Better Outcomes SPEAKERS <i>Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado (FPPA):</i> <i>Kevin Lindahl, Executive Director</i> <i>Adam Franklin, General Counsel</i> <i>Ahni Smith, Chief Operations Officer</i> <i>Chip Weule, Chief Benefits Officer</i> <i>Elaine Gorton, Culture and People Officer</i> <i>Scott Simon, Chief Investment Officer</i> <i>Teresa Dupree, Chief Information Technology Officer</i> EMCEE <i>Dr. Cris Tietsort, Professor of Communication, University of Denver</i>	Grand Ballroom Salon C (3rd Fl.) Is It Time to Rethink Investing in Emerging Markets? SPEAKERS <i>Rod June, LA County Employees Retirement System (LACERS)</i> <i>Paul Podolsky, Kate Capital</i> EMCEE <i>Derrick Dagnan, Fort Worth Employees' Retirement Fund</i>

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM

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Grand Ballroom Salon A&B (3rd Fl.) Proactive Engagement to Improve Connectivity with Stakeholders SPEAKERS <i>Kendal Killian, National Public Pension Coalitions</i> <i>Erin Leonard, Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS)</i> <i>Bill Neville, Formerly of State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio</i> EMCEE <i>Steve Delaney, Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS)</i>	Grand Ballroom Salon C (3rd Fl.) Creating a Culture to Develop Future CIOs SPEAKER <i>Ashbel Williams, J.P. Morgan</i> EMCEE <i>Rod June, LA County Employees Retirement System (LACERS)</i>

1:15 PM – 1:30 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSING BELL EVENT

5:00 PM

HAPPY HOUR

[West Side Bar](#)

85 West Street at Albany Street
(Lobby of Marriott New York Downtown)