



The Voice for Public Pensions

2018 PUBLIC PENSION FUNDING FORUM

September 16 – 18
Cambridge, MA

FINAL AGENDA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm **REGISTRATION**
Charles Suite Foyer (East Tower Level 2)
- 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm **PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND RESEARCH UPDATE**
Charles Suite (East Tower Level 2)
Michael Kahn, NCPERS and IPPS
- 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm **WELCOME RECEPTION**
Riverside Terrace (Lobby Level)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 7:30 am – 5:00 pm **REGISTRATION**
Charles Suite Foyer (East Tower Level 2)
- 7:30 am – 8:30 am **BREAKFAST**
Parkview Ballroom (East Tower Level 2)
- 8:30 am – 5:00 pm **GENERAL SESSION I**
Charles Suite (East Tower Level 2)
- 8:30 am – 9:30 am Welcome & Opening Remarks
Hank Kim, Esq., NCPERS

Pension Landscape and Trends
Bridget Early, National Public Pension Coalition
Alex Brown, National Association of State Retirement Administrators

9:30 am – 11:00 am State and Local Revenue Options to Address Pension Funding
Session Chair – Kathy Harrell, NCPERS
Matt Gardner, Institute on Tax and Economic Policy
Susan Kennedy, Alabama Education Association
Richard Sims, Sierra Institute on Applied Economics

11:00 am – 11:15 am **BREAK**

Charles Suite Foyer (East Tower Level 2)

11:15 am – 12:15 pm Stress Testing – A tool to strengthen public pensions
Session Chair – Roger Rea, Omaha School Employees Retirement System
Gene Kalwarski, Cheiron
Sandy Matheson, Maine Public Employees Retirement System

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm **NETWORKING LUNCH**

Parkview Ballroom (East Tower Level 2)

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Ensuring Adequate Funding for Public Pensions without
Dismantling Them – A New Approach
Session Chair – Hank Kim, Esq., NCPERS
Tom Sgouros, Brown University

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Pension Reforms Gone Haywire: What can we do
*Session Chair – Mel Aaronson, Treasurer UFT, Immediate Past President
of NCPERS, Former Chair of TRS of the City of New York*
William (Flick) Forna, Pension Trustee Advisors
Mark Hovey, San Diego Employees Retirement System (Retired)

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm **BREAK**

Charles Suite Foyer (East Tower Level 2)

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm State Approaches to Addressing Pension Funding Issues
Session Chair – Dana Dillon, CalSTRS
Marcie Frost, CalPERS
Michael Curto, Squire Patton Boggs

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm **Are Public Pension Cuts Hurting Your Ability to Recruit Workers?**
Session Chair – Roger Rea, Omaha School Employees Retirement System
Diane Oakley, National Institute on Retirement Security
Jean-Pierre Aubry, Boston College
Joshua Franzel, Center for State and Local Government Excellence

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm **NETWORKING RECEPTION**
Parkview Ballroom (East Tower Level 2)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:30 am – 2:00 pm **REGISTRATION**
Charles Suite Foyer (East Tower Level 2)

7:30 am – 8:30 am **BREAKFAST**
Longfellow Ballroom (West Tower Lobby Level)

8:30 am – 1:30 pm **GENERAL SESSION II**
Charles Suite (East Tower Level 2)

8:30 am – 9:30 am **Politics of Assault on Pensions: What Can We Do?**
Session Chair – Maureen Westgard, National Council on Teacher Retirement
Robert Kuttner, American Prospect

9:30 am – 10:30 am **Closing the Funding Gap without Dismantling Public Pensions # 1**
Session Chair – Roger Rea, Omaha School Employees Retirement System
Christian Weller, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Christopher Straub, Bank of America Merrill Lynch

10:30 am – 11:30 am **Closing the Funding Gap without Dismantling Public Pensions # 2**
Session Chair – Kathy Harrell, NCPERS
David Wilson, Nuveen Asset Management
Robb Ruhr, Analytic Investors

11:30 am – 12:30 pm **NETWORKING LUNCH**
Longfellow Ballroom (West Tower Lobby Level)

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Pension Design Innovation
Session Chair - Hank Kim, Esq., NCPERS
Peter Diamond, MIT

1:30 pm Closing Remarks and Next Steps
Hank Kim, NCPERS
Michael Kahn, NCPERS and IPPS

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