2019 PUBLIC PENSION FUNDING FORUM

September 11 – 13
New York Marriott Downtown
New York, NY

FINAL AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

4:00 pm – 6:30 pm  REGISTRATION
Financial Ballroom Foyer (2nd Floor)

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm  GENERAL SESSION I
Financial Ballroom I & II

Special Presentation on the Sustainability of State and Local Government Pensions
*Michael Kahn, NCPERS*
*Byron Lutz, Federal Reserve Board of Governors*

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  WELCOME RECEPTION
Financial Ballroom III

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:30 am – 5:00 pm  REGISTRATION
Financial Ballroom Foyer (2nd Floor)

7:30 am – 8:30 am  BREAKFAST
Financial Ballroom III
8:30 am – 5:00 pm   GENERAL SESSION II  
Financial Ballroom I & II

8:30 am – 9:30 am   Welcome & Opening Remarks  
*Hank Kim, NCPERS*

Pension Landscape and Trends  
*Session Chair – Kathy Harrell, NCPERS*
*Anna Petrini, National Conference of State Legislatures*  
*Dana Bilyeu, National Assoc. of State Retirement Administrators*

9:30 am – 10:30 am  Trends in State and Local Revenues and Expenditure: Opportunities to Improve Pension Funding  
*Session Chair – Roger Rea, Omaha School Employees Retirement System*
*Nicholas Johnson, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*  
*Matt Gardner, Institute on Tax and Economic Policy*

10:30 am – 11:00 am  Corporate Governance Effects on Fund Performance  
*Session Chair – Hank Kim, NCPERS*  
*Ken Bertsch, Council of Institutional Investors*

11:00 am – 11:15 am   BREAK

11:15 am – 12:15 pm  Public Pension Plan Volatility: What Can We Do? An Actuary’s Perspective  
*Session Chair – Roger Rea, Omaha School Employees Retirement System*
*Gene Kalwarski, Cheiron Inc.*  
*Brian Grinnell, State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio*

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm   NETWORKING LUNCH  
Financial Ballroom III

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm  Improving Funding Status through Risk Management  
*Session Chair – Hank Kim, NCPERS*  
*Dan Bienvenue, COIO, CalPERS*

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  Protecting and Enhancing Public Pensions through Advocacy  
*Session Chair – Bridget Early, National Public Pension Coalition*
*Casey McCabe, New Hampshire*  
*Ellen Yonts Suetholz, Kentucky*  
*Kris Masterman, Oklahoma*

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm   BREAK
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm  Various Ways to Close Funding Gap without Dismantling Public Pensions  
*Session Chair –* Michael Kahn, NCPERS  
Sanford Rich, NYC Board of Education Retirement System  
Susan Kennedy, Kennedy Consulting  
Richard Sims, Institute on Applied Economics  

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  NETWORKING RECEPTION  
Financial Ballroom III  

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**  
7:30 am – 2:00 pm  REGISTRATION  
Financial Ballroom Foyer (2nd Floor)  

7:30 am – 8:30 am  BREAKFAST  
Financial Ballroom III  

8:30 am – 1:30 pm  GENERAL SESSION III  
Financial Ballroom I & II  

8:30 am – 10:00 am  Exploring Pension Policy on Auto-Pilot  
*Session Chair –* Kathy Harrell, NCPERS  
Eric Atwater, Aon Hewitt  
Jana Steele, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt – New Brunswick Plan  
Bob Conlin, Wisconsin Retirement System  
Sandy Matheson, Maine Public Employees Retirement System  

10:00 am – 10:45 am  Politics of Assault on Public Pensions – What Can We Do?  
*Session Chair –* Hank Kim, NCPERS  
Robert Johnson, Institute on New Economic Thinking  

10:45 am – 12:00 pm  Closing the Funding Gap without Dismantling Pensions  
*Session Chair –* Roger Rea, Omaha School Employees Retirement System  
Ryan Shelby, Wells Fargo Asset Management  
Randy Schwimmer, Nuveen  
Biagio, Manieri, PFM Asset Management  
Dan Doonan, National Institute on Retirement Security  

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  NETWORKING LUNCH  
Financial Ballroom III
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  Volatility and Risk Management
Session Chair –  Hank Kim, NCPERS
                   Robert Engle, NYU, Nobel Laureate in Economics

2:00 pm  Closing Remarks and Next Steps
         Hank Kim, NCPERS
         Michael Kahn, NCPERS

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