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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

Session Chair – Pension Landscape and Trends
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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