

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE PENSIONS AND BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steven Johnson at 9:00am on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department
David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Gordon Self, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Lea Gerard, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Mark Dapp, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Alan Conroy, Director KPERS

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Committee introductions and organization

Chairperson Johnson opened the meeting and introduced Jonathan Peuchen a freshman at K-State who is shadowing the Representative. Chairman Johnson welcomed new and returning committee members to the first meeting of the 2015 Legislative session. Each committee member, staff and participants in the gallery introduced themselves at the request of the Chair. The Committee rules were distributed. A motion to adopt the rules was made by Representative Kelly, seconded by Representative Hawkins. Motion was adopted.

Overview of Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS)

Alan Conroy, KPERS Executive Director, presented a KPERS Overview ([Attachment 1](#)). KPERS is governed by a 9-member Board of Trustees and administers three statewide benefit plans for public employees. The overview provided membership information, how benefits are funded, employer contribution rates and long-term funding outlook.

Alan Conroy stood for committee member questions. Several questions were answered and clarification made regarding the KPERS overview.

The Committee requested the following information from Alan Conroy which will be presented at the next Committee meeting January 21, 2015.

1. A detail table format on the number of employees coming into KPERS each year and to divide number between fire, judges and the general population over the last ten years.
2. A fact sheet on the different tiers and what the benefits are.
3. Summary of basic normal retirement age and contributions.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Pensions and Benefits at 9:00am on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 152-S of the Capitol.

Chairman Johnson provided 2015 session priorities to committee members ([Attachment 2](#)). In addition to the priorities listed, Chairman Johnson noted the committee would also look at the following three priorities:

- Death and disability
- New hire data
- Detail of funding and the process

Chairman Johnson also noted the interim committee was charged with Working After Retirement, looking at issues that relate to KPERS Corrections, how best to serve employee groups and to meet the funding. The Research team will provide a summary report.

Bill introductions

Representative Kelly moved to introduce a conceptual bill on bonding to assist funding of the unfunded actuarial liability. No objections.

Chairman Johnson advised the Committee the KPERS Board meeting will be held at the KPERS Building located at 611 S. Kansas Avenue Thursday, January 15 at 1:00 PM.

The next meeting of the Pensions and Benefits Committee will be Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.