Update No. 11

If you've missed any past updates, they're available on our website.

As we move through this legislative process, our ability to stay up to date and advocate strategically for the moment are key. Below you will find updates on progress for decision-maker meeting dates, information for taking action, preparing to take action and TRA board candidate information.

TRA board meeting Jan. 18

- The board is meeting this Wednesday and plans on taking action to set its legislative agenda. Find the agenda and meeting information here.

Legislative Commission on Pensions & Retirement

- Dates for the first two meetings have been set! The LCPR is where we need bills heard and discussed to begin the pension reform process. We're still waiting on final commission appointments, but those should be coming soon.

Legislator introduction using our Action Alert

- Here you will find a template to send a welcome note to your legislator. This is a general introduction template to start your relationship and to make sure that your representatives know what's important to you. More specific templates on pensions will follow once bills begin to be introduced.

Capitol Connection e-newsletter

- Subscribe to our weekly Capitol Connection e-newsletter for weekly email updates on all education news from the state Capitol and how to stay involved.

Lobby Days

- Local lobby days – Work with local leadership to set up a virtual or in-person lobby day so your local members can advocate on issues important to them, including pensions.
• **Issue lobby days** – These lobby days are centered around particular issues and take place virtually at 4:30 p.m. throughout the legislative session. They are open to all members.
  - The Pensions Issue Lobby Day is scheduled for April 20. This is an ideal time to discuss pensions with legislators as bills should have progressed enough to have some specifics and clarity.

**TRA board candidate process**

- Multiple Education Minnesota members are running for two seats on the TRA board. To provide members all the information they need to vote, we will be asking candidates to fill out a questionnaire and attend a virtual member meet and greet from 6-7:30 p.m. on Feb. 28. The event will be open to all members and a registration link will be sent out in coming weeks. The questionnaire answers will also be shared with all members in the form of a voters guide.

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**Important Events/Dates:**

- PERA board meetings – [Dates](mailto:)
- TRA board meetings - [Dates](mailto:) (upcoming Jan. 18)
- SPTRFA board meetings – [Dates](mailto:)
- LCPR meetings - [Dates](mailto:)

**Resources:**

- [Tips for contacting your legislators](mailto:)
- [Find your legislator](mailto:)
- [Education Minnesota pensions web page](mailto:)
- [TRA information on pension basics](mailto:)
- [PERA member resources](mailto:)
- [Public pension terminology](mailto:)

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