



# Update

Dear Friends,

August 9, 2017

Since my election to the KPERS Board of Trustees I have a new disclaimer that I must include in these updates from now on: "The views expressed in this update represent my views and/or the views of the Coalition. They do not in any way represent the views of KPERS Board of Trustees nor do I speak for them." (Ernie Claudel)

## TODAY'S MEETING

Today's meeting was relatively short. We continue to work on the rationale we will use to support the need for a benefit increase in the future. The reason for limited discussion and action was for two primary reasons: One, several of the group, including myself, have taken some vacation recently. The break from KPERS concerns was certainly welcomed. Second, and more importantly, the action at the Capitol has been limited.

The Supreme Court of Kansas has not yet made a final ruling on school funding. If there should be a ruling that more school funding was needed, this would likely put pressure on KPERS funding once again. This possibility continues to be a real concern. **Please continue to communicate with your elected representatives the necessity to 'keep their hands off' the KPERS contributions.** Sighting an old commercial, "They will have to pay now or pay later!"

Additionally, the Governor has not yet resigned as he has not been confirmed by the U.S. Senate for the post for which he has been nominated for by the President. Therefore, Lt. Governor Colyer remains the Lt. Governor.

It was noted that if you have moved or changed your marital status, be sure to confirm your voter registration. KCPR continues to work with KARSP, Keeping the Kansas Promise and Working Kansas Alliance on the matters of KPERS funding and COLA possibilities.

The Proposed 2018 Rally In Support of KPERS is Wednesday, January 31, 2018, with a backup date, Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please place this on your calendar. It will be a while before we have this confirmed even though we are confident the date will be confirmed.

Stay Dry!!

- Remember to send us your updated email address...also if for any reason you should no longer wish to receive this update, let us know at the address(es) listed at the end of this "update," and we will contact you and remove you from the official mailing lists.
- Just a reminder, that this email is an official report of the Kansas Coalition of Public Retirees. If Ron and I editorialize, we will indicate that fact.
- Remember that we want you to forward this to other retirees and the "working" who will benefit from this information.
- The KCPR website is [www.ksretirees.org](http://www.ksretirees.org)

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