



Update

Dear Friends,

June 13, 2018

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

The June 13, 2018, KCPR meeting was held at the KNEA location. BTW we voted to give the new venue a try for a year. The next meeting will be July 11, 2018 (the second Wednesday as usual).

During this morning's discussions it was suggested that the following Items be stated:

1. While KCPR's goal has always been to see a COLA implemented we also need to point out that we are deeply concerned about the funding of Actuarial funding of KPERS. This concern amplifies the concern for the presently working as well. The Pension Plan for the Kansas public employee (KPERS) is an "all for one, one for all" program. Any improvement in the above listed items in the long run benefits all in the KPERS/KP&F/Judges retirement system.
2. To better inform you, we have placed on the KCPR Website (www.ksretirees.org), under the heading of "News Flash Corner," three items of interest.
 - a. Complete Talking Points which include information on KPERS in general.
 - b. A "White Paper" which includes KPERS facts, as well as some observations and research on Pensions in General.
 - c. Finally an article relating to Truths and Myths around KPERS. This describes some of the positive outcomes we have been able to impact over the years regarding KPERS.
 - d. Additionally, contained on the website is the 2018 Report to the Legislature. On pages 10-12 are the annual KPERS benefits received by county. This is great information we find that the candidates are always interested in.

These articles will also be helpful in talking to the candidates in the upcoming elections.

The agenda was discussed this morning included the following:

- A. Possibility of a Special Legislative Session over School Finance.
- B. Discussion of the list of Kansas House Candidates for the fall elections.
- C. Discussion around the possibilities of a Letter to the Editor Campaign regarding the upcoming elections and session.
- D. Planning for KCPR visits to KPERS Board Meetings for "public comment"!
 1. The only reason for a 'special session' of the legislature this year will be if the Kansas Supreme Court indicates that more revenue needs to be funneled into Kansas educational funding. This subject is at this point unresolved as the KSC has not yet ruled on the school funding bill.
 2. While we are not in a position to make recommendations, we can as indicated in #2 above provide you information that will help you make this determination.
 3. As the fall elections approach, we know there will be negative comments regarding public employees and public pensions. We are working on plans to combat these attacks.
 4. KCPR will periodically attend KPERS Board Meetings and comment on COLA and funding issues during the 'Public Comment' portion of the KPERS Board Agenda.

July KCPR Meeting

The following items will be discussed at the July KCPR Meeting:

- a. Further discussion of candidate information.

- b. Prepare for our semi -annual fall fundraiser.
- c. Begin working on the 2019 Report to the Legislature.

Dates to Remember

The next KCPR Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 11th, at 9:30 AM in the KNEA Building, 715 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka.

The KCPR Rally in support of KPERS will be held, Monday, February 3, 2019, at 9:30 AM at the State Capitol in Topeka. (This date is Tentative but likely.)

Have a wonderful Weekend! Let me know if you have questions!!

- 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 listed at the end of this "update," and I 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 I editorialize, I 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

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