



Update

Dear Friends,

May 14, 2025

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)

***Our NEXT KCPR ZOOM meeting will be June 4th at 9:00 AM.
This is a rescheduled date due to the annual conflict with the annual KARSP
Convention and Fire Fighter's Convention.***

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Brief meeting today:

1. KCPR has established a Communications Strategy Committee. The purpose of this committee is the following:
 - A. Evaluate KCPR Website and KCPR Face Book pages.
 - B. Determine to what extent these two means of communication need to be updated.
 - C. Possibly expanding the use to include texting capabilities.
2. We will be prepared to share our observations on the chances for a COLA and Tier III improvement at our next meeting.
3. Before the summer is over, we hope to have a comprehensive strategy to share on how we might accomplish our goals.
4. At the above scheduled meeting, (June 4th) the committee will make every attempt to have a recommendation for the future.

If you have ideas that you would like to submit, please send them to Ernie as soon as possible.

5. As suggested numerous times, we ask you to communicate with your legislators requesting that they push for a COLA for all KPERS retired or that when the 2026 election comes around, (next year all Kansas House members will be up for election) you will look for someone who will support your needs.
6. Please use every opportunity to communicate the need for a benefit increase to your elected officials.
7. The outcome of the completed KPERS Election results will be available on May 16th.

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