

NCPERS 2025

# FALL Conference

**Financial, Actuarial, Legislative & Legal**

 **October 26-29 | Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

## FINAL AGENDA

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:00 AM–6:30 PM **REGISTRATION** | OPH West Foyer – 9th Floor

3:00 PM–4:45 PM **OPENING GENERAL SESSION I** | Compass Rose Ballroom West & South – 9th Floor

3:00 PM–3:15 PM *Opening Remarks*  
Hank Kim, NCPERS

3:15 PM–4:00 PM *DROP to Improve Employee Retention*

**SPEAKERS**  
Melissa O'Neal, ERFC  
Elizabeth Wiley, Gallagher

4:00 PM–4:45 PM *Retirement in America: Where Things Stand Today*

**SPEAKERS**  
Tyler Bond, NIRS  
Joelle Saad-Lessler, Stevens Institute of Technology

5:00 PM–6:30 PM **EXHIBITION & WELCOME RECEPTION** | Compass Rose Ballroom North & East – 9th Floor

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

6:00 AM–6:45 AM **SUNRISE YOGA** | Yoga Studio

7:00 AM–8:00 AM **BREAKFAST** | Compass Rose Ballroom West & South – 9th Floor

7:00 AM–2:30 PM	<b>REGISTRATION</b>   OPH South Foyer – 9th Floor
9:00 AM 1:00 PM	<b>EXHIBITION</b>   Compass Rose Ballroom North & East – 9th Floor
8:00 AM–2:45 PM	<b>GENERAL SESSION I</b>   Compass Rose Ballroom West & South – 9th Floor
8:00 AM–8:45 AM	<i>Public Pension Investing in Transition: Market Trends, Policy Impacts, and Strategies for 2026</i>
	<b>SPEAKERS</b> Michael De Jaun, Northern Trust Asset Management Julian Regan, Segal Marco
8:45 AM–9:30 AM	<i>Legislative, Regulatory, and Judicial Update</i>
	<b>SPEAKERS</b> Anthony Roda, William & Jensen Alex Westerfield, Nossaman Audra Ferguson, Ice Miller
9:30 AM–10:15 AM	<i>AI Panel Session</i>
	<b>SPEAKERS</b> Jean Carlo Oviedo, ABL Avinash Amin, Madryn Asset Management
10:15 AM –10:45 AM	<b>EXHIBIT HALL NETWORKING BREAK</b>   Compass Rose Ballroom North & East – 9th Floor
10:45 AM–11:15 AM	<i>The Hazards of Mandating Social Security Coverage on the Public Sector-CPRS</i>
	<b>SPEAKER</b> Daniel Siblik, Segal
11:15 AM–12:00 PM	<i>Securities Litigation Panel: Finding the Right Balance</i>
	<b>MODERATOR</b> Henry Wilson, Wayne County Employees Retirement
	<b>SPEAKERS</b> Serena Hallowell, Motley Rice Josh Ruthizer, Wolf Popper Andrea Farah, Lowey Dannenberg P.C.

12:00 PM–1:15 PM **LUNCH & PRESENTATION** | Compass Rose Ballroom West & South – 9th Floor  
*The Happiness Equation*

SPEAKER  
Cornel Thomas, Author

1:30 PM–2:15 PM *Credit, Equity & Global Markets: A Panel Conversation*

SPEAKERS  
Laura Stolfi, Nuveen  
Bruce George, P&E Investments  
Curtis Glover, Star Mountain Capital  
Anton Orlich, CalPERS

2:15 PM–2:45 PM *A Reality Check for Your Board: Preparing for System Modernization*

SPEAKER  
Frank Karpinski, Linea Solutions

5:00 PM–6:00 PM **NETWORKING RECEPTION** | Compass Rose Ballroom North & East – 9th Floor

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

6:00 AM–6:45 AM **FALL 5K WALK**

7:00 AM–8:00 AM **BREAKFAST** | Compass Rose Ballroom West & South – 9th Floor

7:00 AM–1:00 PM **REGISTRATION** | OPH West Foyer – 9th Floor

9:00 AM–12:00 PM **EXHIBITION** | Compass Rose Ballroom North & East – 9th Floor

8:00 AM–1:30 PM **GENERAL SESSION III** | Compass Rose Ballroom West & South – 9th Floor

8:00 AM–8:45 AM *Investment Consultant Panel*

SPEAKERS  
Phineas Troy, Asset Consulting Group  
John P. Jackson, Callan  
Douglas Moseley, NEPC

8:45 AM–9:30 AM *Mitigating Pension Plan Risks through an Asset Liability Study*

SPEAKER

Kevin Woodrich, Cheiron  
Julian Regan, Segal Marco

9:30 AM–10:15 AM *Optimizing Pension and OPEB Funding: Policies, Strategies, and Risk Management*

SPEAKERS

Pete Strong, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company  
Dina Lerner, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company  
Dan Berry, McGriff

10:15 AM–10:45 AM **EXHIBIT HALL NETWORKING BREAK** | Compass Rose Ballroom  
North & East – 9th Floor

10:45 AM–11:30 AM *From Farmland to Energy Infrastructure—Strategies for Public Pension Funds*

SPEAKERS

James Rich, CurvePoint Capital  
David Martin, US Agriculture  
April Porter, Noble Ag

11:30 PM–12:00 PM *A Developing Alternative Asset Class: Investor Claims and Resources as a Portfolio Asset Class*

SPEAKERS

Patrick Daniels, DiCello Levitt  
Dave Hunter, Former CIO, Texas Municipal Retirement System

12:00 PM–12:45 PM *Strategic Portfolio Positioning: Balancing Public Markets and Private Credit in Today's Economy*

SPEAKERS

Jon Baranko, Allspring Global Investments  
Chris Schiavone, 400 Capital  
Liam Guilfoyle, NYC Fire Pension  
Terrence Clerkin, Pennant Park

12:45 PM–1:30 PM *Wealth Conversations That Matter Most*

SPEAKER

Brian Leitner, Mariner

5:00 PM–6:00 PM **NETWORKING RECEPTION** | Compass Rose Ballroom North & East – 9th Floor

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

7:00 AM–8:00 AM **BREAKFAST** | Compass Rose Ballroom West & South – 9th Floor

7:00 AM–11:00 AM **REGISTRATION** | OPH West Foyer – 9th Floor

8:00 AM–11:30 AM **GENERAL SESSION IV** | Compass Rose Ballroom West & South – 9th Floor

8:00 AM–8:45 AM *Beyond Geopolitics: The Domestic Themes Powering Emerging Markets Resilience*

**SPEAKER**

Natascha Willans, ABS Global Investments

8:45 AM–9:15 AM *Bringing an Element of Certainty to Pension Management*

**SPEAKER**

Russell Kamp, Ryan ALM, Inc.

9:15 AM–9:45 AM *From Checking a Box to Refined Focus: Insights on Death Audits and Missing Participants*

**SPEAKER**

John Bikus, The Berwyn Group

9:45 AM–10:15 AM *Corporate Governance*

**SPEAKERS**

Scott Foglietta, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossman  
Lester Hooker, Saxena White

10:15 AM–10:30 AM **REFRESHMENT BREAK** | OPH West Foyer – 9th Floor

10:30 AM–11:00 AM *Ripple Effects: How Large Salary Increases Impact Public Retirement System Funding*

**SPEAKERS**

Aaron Chochon, CavMac  
Larry Langer, CavMac

11:00 AM

**CLOSING REMARKS**  
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