

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 **REGISTRATION** | OPH South Foyer – 9th Floor

9:00 AM 1:00 PM **EXHIBITION** | Compass Rose Ballroom North & East – 9th Floor

8:00 AM–2:45 PM **GENERAL SESSION I** | Compass Rose Ballroom West & South – 9th Floor

8:00 AM–8:45 AM *Public Pension Investing in Transition: Market Trends, Policy Impacts, and Strategies for 2026*

SPEAKERS

Michael De Jaun, Northern Trust Asset Management
Julian Regan, Segal Marco

8:45 AM–9:30 AM *Legislative, Regulatory, and Judicial Update*

SPEAKERS

Anthony Roda, William & Jensen
Alex Westerfield, Nossaman
Audra Ferguson, Ice Miller

9:30 AM–10:15 AM *AI Panel Session*

SPEAKERS

Jean Carlo Oviedo, ABL
Avinash Amin, Madryn Asset Management

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

10:45 AM–11:15 AM *The Hazards of Mandating Social Security Coverage on the Public Sector-CPRS*

SPEAKER

Daniel Siblik, Segal

11:15 AM–12:00 PM *Securities Litigation Panel: Finding the Right Balance*

MODERATOR

Henry Wilson, Wayne County Employees Retirement

SPEAKERS

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 Mosely, 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

Hank Kim, NCPERS

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