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2025 PRELIMINARY AGENDA

(As of 4/2/2025)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	REGISTRATION
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	Welcome and Program Overview <i>Michael Kahn, NCPERS</i>
4:45 PM – 5:30 PM	Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index <i>David Knox, Lead Author and Senior Partner, Mercer</i>

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

WELCOME RECEPTION

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM REGISTRATION

7:00 AM – 8:00 am BREAKFAST

8:00 AM – 5:30 PM GENERAL SESSION I

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM Welcome & Opening Remarks
Hank Kim, NCPERS

8:15 AM – 9:00 AM A Perspective on Best Practices in U.S. Public Pensions
Keith Brainard, NASRA

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM Could Successful Retirement Systems Offer a Roadmap for Others?
David Draine, PEW

9:45 AM – 11:00 AM Panel Discussion: How Are Pension Plans Improving Their Funding Status and Making Contributions Above What's Required?

Moderator: Tyler Bond, NIRS

Ryan Barrow, Kentucky Public Pension Authority

Robert (Andy) Blough, Indiana Public Retirement System

Jeffrey Fleck, West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board

*John Herrington, Retirement Services Division, Office of the State Comptroller,
Connecticut (Invited)*

Tyler Cummings, Nebraska Public Employee Retirement Systems (Invited)

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM Understanding Amortization: What's the Relationship Between
Layered Amortization and Funding Status?
Moderator: Dan Doonam, NIRS
Todd Tauzer, Segal
Elizabeth Wiley, Cheiron
Paul Angelo, Retired Actuary

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM NETWORKING LUNCH

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM Interaction Between Public Pension Funds and Financial Markets
Tyler Bond, NIRS
Katie Comstock, AON

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM Strategic Plan: A Way to Making Pension Plans the Best they Can Be
Denise Bradford, CalSTRS

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM REFRESHMENT BREAK

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM The New Corporate Governance
Luifi Zingales, Chicago Booth, University of Chicago

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM Public Funding Challenge
Winning Student Team, Harris School, University of Chicago

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM NETWORKING RECEPTION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM REGISTRATION

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM BREAKFAST

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM GENERAL SESSION II

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM Welcome back
Hank Kim, NCPERS

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM	<p>Characteristics of a Great Pension Plan: An Actuarial and Fiscal Sustainability Perspective</p> <p><i>Gene Kalwarski, Cheiron</i></p> <p><i>Michael Kahn, NCPERS</i></p>
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	<p>Characteristics of a Great Public Pension Plan: An Investment Perspective</p> <p><i>David Wilson, Nuveen</i></p>
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	REFRESHMENT BREAK
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<p>Outlook for the U.S. Economy in 2025 and Beyond</p> <p><i>David Altig, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta</i></p>
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>THANK YOU & CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p><i>Hank Kim and Michael Kahn, NCPERS</i></p>

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