
Event Agenda

NCPERS 2026 Public Pension Funding Forum

Monday, August 17, 2026

- 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **Registration Opens**
Location: University Foyer
- 4:30 PM - 4:45 PM** **Welcome and Program Overview**
Location: University A
Speaker: Matthew Eckel
- 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM** **Preserving State Revenues to Fund Public Pensions in the Age of OBBBA**
Location: University A
Speaker: Neva Butkus
- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM** **Welcome Reception**
Location: City View Room
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Tuesday, August 18, 2026

- 6:30 AM - 4:30 PM** **Registration**
Location: University Foyer
- 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM** **Breakfast**
Location: University A
- 8:00 AM - 8:15 AM** **Opening Remarks**
Location: University B
Speaker: Hank Kim
- 8:15 AM - 9:00 AM** **Good News in Public Pensions**
Location: University B
Speaker: Jean-Paul Aubry
- 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM** **Tariffs and Economy**
Location: University B
Speaker: Ina Simonovska
- 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM** **Do Recent Federal Regulatory and Legislative Changes Reduce Investment Risk in Crypto?**
Location: University B
Speaker: Mark Hays
- 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM** **Refreshment Break**
Location: University Foyer
- 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM** **The AI Bubble and the U.S Economy**
Location: University B
Speaker: Paulo Carvao
- 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM** **Private Equity and Health Care**
Location: University B
Speaker: Robert Field
- 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM** **Networking Lunch**
Location: University B

1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	Pros and Cons of Private Equity Location: University B Speaker: Wen-Fu Wu
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Staying the Course in Turbulent Times Speakers: Thomas Lee, Timothy Reese, Joseph Salazar
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	Total Portfolio Approach Location: University B Speaker: Steven Novakovic
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Refreshment Break Location: University Foyer
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Pension Lab NextGen Competition Location: University B
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Networking Reception

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

7:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Registration Location: University Foyer
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast Location: University A
8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	Welcome Back Location: University B Speaker: Hank Kim
8:15 AM - 9:00 AM	Lessons from Successful Plans: An Actuarial Perspective Location: University B Speakers: Gene Kalwarski, Russ Kamp
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Staying the Course: An Investment Perspective Location: University B Speaker: David Wilson
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Refreshment Break Location: University Foyer
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Outlook for the U.S. Economy in 2026 and Beyond Location: University B Speaker: David Altig
11:30 AM - 11:45 PM	Thank You & Closing Remarks Location: University B Speakers: Hank Kim, Matthew Eckel