



### Delve Into Public Pension Governance.

Join us each month as we spotlight our association and member news and highlight governance, management, political, and economic news impacting public pensions in the Lone Star State. We also spotlight public retirement news across the United States, share the latest retirement research data, and link to interesting articles regarding longevity and wellness trends.

### Association News

## Don't Miss Your Chance to Earn CE Hours During TEXPERS' Annual Conference This April in Austin

**STRENGTHEN  
PENSIONS  
TOGETHER WE CAN!**

**TEXPERS  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
APRIL 2-5, 2023  
AUSTIN, TX**

**REGISTRATION OPENS JAN. 3, 2023!  
VISIT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/TEXPERS2023AC](https://bit.ly/TEXPERS2023AC)**

Austin will host the Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems' 2023 Annual Conference on April 2-5. As part of the Association's mission to help public employees secure retirement, this year's theme is "Strengthen Pension: Together We Can."

State-mandated training programs and public employee retirement management sessions are offered at the Annual Conference. Participants will be able to learn about industry trends, gain new skills, and establish new connections during the event.

This year's conference features a networking golf tournament, membership receptions, keynote speakers, a motivational speaker, breakout panel discussions, a member's event, and roundtable discussions during which members will get to discuss pressing topics with peers and experts.

[Learn More & Register](#)

A Few of Our Speakers Include:

- **Keynote Speaker Jeff Mueller**, Portfolio Manager & Analyst, Large Company Growth, Polen Capital
- **Richard Bernstein**, CEO/CIO, Richard Bernstein Advisors

- **Tyler Bond**, Research Manager, National Institute on Retirement Security
- **Luncheon Speaker Andre Brandford**, Slam Poet/Author/Speaker, S.C. Says Poetry
- **James Perry**, Head of Institutional Investor Solutions, Maples Group
- **Phil Tseng**, Co-head of Private Capital Business, BlackRock
- **Paul J. Nasser**, President, Intercontinental Real Estate Corporation

*Others to be announced soon!*

## Preliminary Agenda

### Sunday, April 2

7:00 am - 1:30 pm: Golf Tournament  
3:00 - 5:00 pm: Conference Registration  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.: Members Welcome Reception

### Monday, April 3

7:00 am - 4:30 pm: Registration  
8:00 - 8:15 am: Opening Ceremony  
8:15 am - 4:30 pm: General Sessions  
5:00 - 8:00 pm: TEXPERS Members Event

### Tuesday, April 4

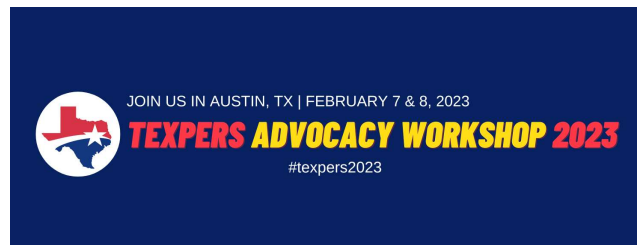
7:30 am - 5:00 pm: Registration  
8:30 - 4:50 pm: General Sessions  
5:00 - 6:00 pm: Registration

### Wednesday, April 5

7:30 - 10:30 am: Registration  
8:00 - 11:30 am: General Sessions

*Agenda is subject to change. A more detailed schedule is available on the event website.*

## Unlock the Secrets of Communicating with Legislators

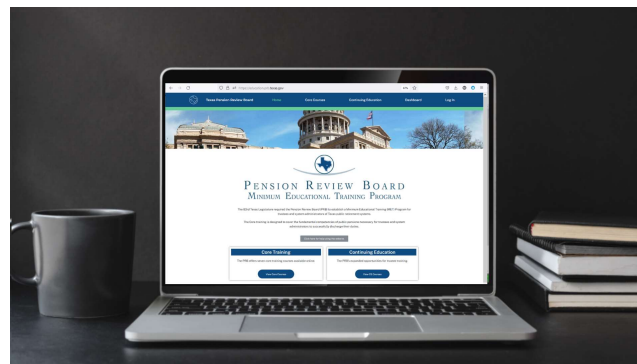


This year's TEXPERS Advocacy Workshop brings together the Association's Legislative Committee, lobbyists, communications insiders, and public pension system leaders from all over Texas for an interactive experience.

Public employee retirement system trustees and administrators will hear from governmental affairs insiders, attend communications workshops, meet with state officials, and learn about local and national politics impacting your work.

[Learn More and Register Online](#)

## Pension Review Board Creates New Website for Minimum Educational Training



The Pension Review Board recently launched a new Minimum Educational Training website, according to a memo the state agency distributed to Texas public pension trustees and administrators on Jan. 9.

As a result of concerns and ongoing technical problems with the previous educational platform, the PRB has built this new platform to host all the core and continuing education courses created by the PRB. The Texas Pension Review Board oversees all state and local public retirement systems regarding their actuarial soundness.

The PRB's new educational training site can be accessed directly through [education.prb.texas.gov](http://education.prb.texas.gov). It can also be accessed through the agency's main website, [prb.texas.org](http://prb.texas.org).

[Read More](#)

## House Committee Issues Interim Report Including Recommendations for Pension

## Systems

The House Committee on Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services of the 87th Legislature submitted on Jan. 3 its interim report, including recommendations and drafted legislation for consideration by the 88th Legislature.

An interim committee studies the state's key issues to help prepare for the next regular session.

The Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services Committee, chaired by Rafael Anchia, was tasked with several interim charges, which involved the Employees Retirement System, the Teacher Retirement System, and the Texas Local Fire Fighters Retirement Act, among others.

Click below to download the 44-page report.

[Download a PDF of the Report](#)

## News Links

### Texas Pensions News

Note: Some sites may require subscription to access articles.

- [Teacher Retirement System of Texas Welcomes Three Board Trustees Following Appointments, Reappointment by Governor Abbott](#)
- [ERS Adopts Rule Amendment at its December Board Meeting](#)
- [El Paso Fire and Police Plan Preps Midcap Growth Equity Search](#)
- [Get Ready for the ERS Board of Trustees Election](#)
- [Texas Lawmakers Unveil Initial Plan for \\$15 Billion in Property Tax Relief](#)  
[Additional Plans also include 'Benefit Enhancement' for Retired Members of Texas' Largest Teacher Pension Fund]

### U.S. & Global Pensions News

- [Most State and Municipal Pension Plans are Labeled 'Distressed or Fragile'](#)
- [These Two States Account for a Third of America's Public-sector Pension Crisis](#)
- [Milliman: Largest Public Pension Plans' Funding Ratio Drops in December](#)
- [Key Actuarial Changes for Public Pension Plans in 2023](#)
- [France Contends with Widespread Strikes as Unions Take to Street Against Pension Reform](#)

### Texas Economic/Investment News

- [Texas Teachers Slates \\$935 Million for Alternatives](#)
- [Experts Share Outlook for Build-to-Rent in North Texas](#)
- [Texas Bill Would Let Voters Decide on Expanding Gambling](#)

### U.S. & Global Economy

- [One Chart Shows that a Much-feared Wave of Mass Layoffs Has Yet to Crash into the US Economy](#)
- [US Hits Debt Ceiling, Threatening Economic Outlook](#)
- [JPMorgan Boss Jamie Dimon Says Bitcoin is a 'Waste of Time' and a Fraud, and Warns Russia-Ukraine War is Threat to the Global Economy](#)

### Research, Studies & Issues Briefs

- [Trends in Employee Tenure, 1983-2022](#)
- [Inflation Taking its Toll on Worker Financial Well-Being](#)
- [Workplace Retirement Plans: By the Numbers](#)

### Pensions Recruit and Retain Public Employees

A new video by the National Public Pension Coalition was released on Jan. 17 about the staffing shortage state and local governments face and the effectiveness of pension benefits in attracting and retaining police, firefighters, teachers, and bus drivers. Click below to watch.



## Events

TEXPERS has rounded up events our members might be interested in attending for professional development. Some events are in-person, and others are offered as webinars

or through online learning programming. These events are not affiliated with TEXPERS. Many are free to attend, some require small fees to register, and others might charge larger payments. Attendance is not required by TEXPERS, does not guarantee the issuance of continuing education hours, and is at the discretion of each individual.

#### 2023 Pension Communications Summit

**Host:** National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems

**When/Where:** Jan. 23 & 24, 2023, Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel, Washington, D.C.

**Details:** Learn best practices for improving member engagement, get tips for developing effective external messaging, and make valuable connections with peers at NCPERS' inaugural Pension Communications Summit. You'll learn:

- Best practices for transitioning from print to digital-first communications;
- How to utilize data to improve member engagement;
- Various approaches to multimedia content creation;
- Lessons learned from advocacy communications;
- Strategies for developing compelling external messaging;
- Media relations and crisis communications best practices;
- Tips for managing resources for small teams; and more.

This conference is a NCPERS members-only event.

**Cost:** Fund/Stakeholder: \$250, Service Provider: \$450 (Early bird registration fee before Jan. 5, 2023). Click below for additional registration levels and fees.

Register

#### 2023 Retirement Policy Conference

**Host:** National Institute on Retirement Security

**When/Where:** Monday, Feb. 27 & Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023 | Washington, D.C.

**Details:** This year's conference theme is Progress Amid Turbulence: Building Towards a Secure Retirement. Members of NIRS and special guests are invited to attend this year's conference. Attended by retirement leaders from across the country, the conference is an opportunity to network with colleagues and hear from top experts on retirement trends. NIRS members should watch their email for registration information.

**Cost:** There is no charge to attend the event as it is included in annual membership.

Learn More About NIRS

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### TEXPERS Call for Article Contributions and Advertisements

We are now accepting articles for TEXPERS publications. Associate, Consultant, Actuarial, and Vendor members of TEXPERS may submit an article for review by emailing TEXPERS Communications Director Allen Jones at [allen@texpers.org](mailto:allen@texpers.org).

Thought leaders may submit articles on best practices regarding:

- Investments
- Board relations
- Governance
- Ethics
- Legal matters
- Public affairs
- Governmental relations
- Cyber security
- Technology
- Asset management
- Consultancy issues
- Actuarial advice

Topics may also include other issues pertaining to the management of public pension systems, dealing with their annuitants, and investments. Administrators and staff of retirement systems are also invited to submit notices and news releases regarding happenings at their funds, including job openings, new hires, board election results, successful program adoptions, and other items of interest.

Visit our [WriteForTEXPERS](#) landing page for information regarding our publications and opportunities to contribute to TEXPERS publications.

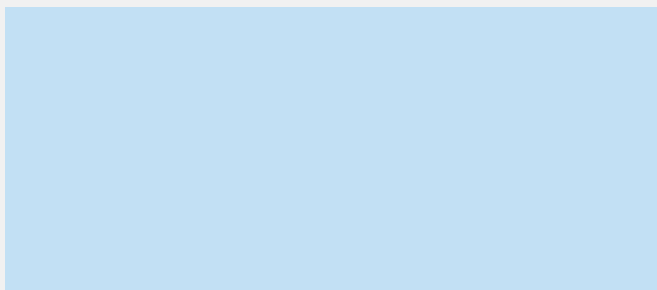
We are currently accepting content for TEXPERS next edition of Pension Observer magazine and Investment Insights. Submissions are not a guarantee of publication.

Our next article submission deadline for TEXPERS Pension Observer magazine is Jan. 4, 2023.

The next article submission deadline for our e-newsletter, Investment Insights, is Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023.

### We also have advertising opportunities.

Click [here](#) for details! But act fast. Space is limited.





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