

2021 PENSION INSTITUTE WEBINAR SERIES

Wednesday, April 28 – Thursday, April 29, 2021

Virtual Seminar Via GoToWebinar

AGENDA

DAY 1: APRIL 28, 2021

SESSION 1: 9:00 AM–10:30 AM ECONOMIC UPDATE

Session Description: This session will provide an update on the current economic and financial markets. It will also highlight domestic and global public markets along with economic factors that could provide either a boost or impact how financial markets functions going forward.

Speaker: Floyd Simpson, CFP, CPA, Senior Managing Consultant, *PFM Asset Management, LLC*

Learning Objectives: *Participants completing this session will be able to:*

1. Gain a basic understanding on what is impacting markets at the current time;
2. Understand which countries, regions, and assets could have increased risk going forward; and
3. Learn about what changes might need to be made within portfolios.

SESSION 2: 11:00 AM – NOON STRATEGIES FOR MEETING PENSION OBLIGATIONS EMPLOYING BOND ISSUANCE AND LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

Session Description: The consideration of Pension Obligation Bonds is once again gaining significant traction as communities explore available strategies to address the challenges of underfunded pension funds. This session will provide an overview on when and why pension obligation bonds should be issued as well as investment strategies regarding the investment of proceeds from pension obligation bonds.

Speakers: Andrew Kim, Director, Public Finance, *PMA Securities, LLC*
Timothy A. Palmer, CFA, Senior Portfolio Manager, *PMA Asset Management, LLC*
Erik Stoltz, Institutional Sales Manager, *PMA Companies, LLC*

Learning Objectives: *Participants completing this session will be able to:*

1. Understand what conditions create a favorable context in which a community may consider issuing pension obligation bonds;
2. Gain insight that pension obligation bonds are not intended to generate savings for the pension fund, but instead are intended as an arbitrage strategy for the benefit of the pension fund; and
3. Learn about the opportunities and risks from investing proceeds in diversified equity and fixed income strategies with a long-term horizon, using asset allocation strategies developed to fit a particular community's needs.

SESSION 3: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Introduction to the Illinois Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund (IPOPIF) and the Illinois Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund (IFPIF)

Session Description: Join representatives of the IPOPIF and IFPIF as they provide an introduction to the Funds, a current status update, and an update related to ongoing transition planning and communication efforts. Participants will be encouraged to engage in an interactive dialogue with the presenters as part of the session.

Speakers: Elizabeth Holleb, Finance Director, *City of Lake Forest*
Dave Zaloga, CPA/MBA, Chief Financial Officer, *Illinois Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund*

Learning Objectives: *Participants completing this session will be able to:*

1. Understand the purpose of the pension consolidation legislation;
2. Convey to others in your organization the structure and status of the consolidated funds; and
3. Gain a clearer understanding of the steps to be taken as the June 30, 2022 deadline for consolidation approaches.

DAY 2: APRIL 29, 2021

SESSION 1: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

PENSION BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION UPDATE: TIER 2, QILDROS AND CONVERSIONS-KNOWING WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW

Session Description: This session will begin with a brief discussion of the update to the definition of a “Tier 2” member, with a detailed review of the changes to Tier 2 benefits resulting from the “consolidation” legislation. Next, the session will review the purpose of each of the required QILDRO forms and discuss the implications of remitting benefits with incomplete or missing QILDRO documents. Lastly, the session will review the components and process of calculating a conversion benefit under Article 3 and Article 4, highlighting the common errors and their consequences.

Speaker: Allison Barrett, Director, *Lauterbach & Amen, LLP*

Learning Objectives: *Participants completing this session will be able to:*

1. Understand the changes to Tier 2 Definitions and Benefits from Public Acts 101-0610 and 101-0627;
2. Identify and understand the 3 required QILDRO forms; and
3. Understand the nuances of calculating conversion pensions.

SESSION 2: 10:30 AM - NOON

ACTUARIAL UPDATE

Session Description: This session will focus on consolidation actuarial issues including how the actuarial process will look after the consolidation of the Article 3 and 4 Pension Funds. The speaker will try to answer the question “Will each municipality need its own valuation, or will the Consolidated funds provide everything you need?” Additionally, the session will examine how an extension of the amortization period to the year 2050 would impact the long-term financial health of downstate fire and police pension plans.

Speaker: Jason Franken, Principal, *Foster & Foster, Inc.*

Learning Objectives: *Participants completing this session will be able to:*

1. Gain an understanding of the actuarial process before and after consolidation;
2. Identify the provisions in the pension code that impact your tax levy calculation; and
3. Learn how potential pension legislation will impact your fund and community.

SESSION 3: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

THE INS AND OUTS OF DOWNSTATE POLICE & FIRE PENSION ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Session Description: This session will review the wide array of pension related matters downstate police and fire pension funds are faced with including disability claims, survivorship claims, felony divestitures, over/underpayments in pension benefits, salary attached to rank issues, pension spikes and municipal underfunding. The presentation will also explore the legal framework which guides pension board trustees in the adjudication of the various claims that come before them as well as cover best practices, policies and procedures pension trustees should consider when administering pension claims.

Speaker: Laura Goodloe, Esq., Partner, *Puchalski Goodloe Marzullo, LLP*

Learning Objectives: *Participants completing this session will be able to:*

1. Gain an understanding as to the procedural process pension boards are faced with when adjudicating pension claims;
2. Provide an overview as to the legal framework that pension boards must rely upon and consider when adjudicating pension claims; and
3. Offer guidance as to the proper methods, policies and procedures pension boards should consider when adjudicating pension claims.