

COLA Study Report Public Comment Forum

December 8, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.

Remote Zoom Meeting*

Agenda

1. **Introduction**.....Chad Burkitt, Susan Lenczewski
2. **Brief overview of first draft** Chad Burkitt
3. **Proposed changes to the report for the final draft**.....Chad Burkitt, Susan Lenczewski
 - Draft introduction sections and finish conclusion
 - Re-order sections of the report
 - Expand discussion of the costs of Minnesota’s COLA benefits
 - Expand discussion of Wisconsin, South Dakota, and Colorado case studies
 - Add legal analysis of the protections afforded COLAs under Minnesota law
4. **Comments from the public:**

Speakers are asked to keep their comments to 5 minutes or less.

Speakers who have signed up to provide comments in speaking order:

 - Kurt Winkelmann, Senior Fellow, Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute, University of Minnesota
 - Representing the Retired Educators Association of Minnesota (REAM):
 - Paul Ehrhard, President
 - Lonnie Duberstein, Past President / Legislative Co-Chair
 - Timothy Moynihan, Vice-President / Legislative Co-Chair
 - David H. Johnson, representing the Minnesota Municipal Retirement Association (MMRA)
 - Brian Rice, representing the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters (MPFF) and Minnesota Police Fraternal Association (MPFA)
5. **Next steps**..... Chad Burkitt

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