

**Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan
Advisory Board Meeting Notes
August 24, 2023**

Members Present

- Ann Finn, Cities Representative
- Cal Larson, Cities Representative
- Steve Fenske, Townships Representative
- Jay Wood, Volunteer Firefighters Representative
- Marc Volk, Volunteer Firefighters Representative
- Anthony Scavo, Volunteer Firefighters

Member Excused

- Jeff Sanborn, Fire Chief Representative
- John King, Volunteer Firefighters Representative
- Justin Nielsen, Volunteer Firefighters Representative
- Rose Hennessy-Allen, State Auditor's Office

Staff Present

- Doug Anderson, PERA Staff
- David Andrews, PERA Staff
- Tracy Gebhard, PERA Staff
- Gemma Miltich, PERA Staff
- Gladys Rodriguez, PERA Staff
- Amy Strenge, PERA Staff

Others Present

- Susan Lenczewski, Legislative Commission on Pension Retirement
- Sean Kelly, Legislative Commission on Pension Retirement
- Ann Lenczewski, Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P
- Maureen Reinhardt, Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P
- Nyle Zikmund, City of Mounds View

1. Meeting called to Order and Introductions

Amy Strenge called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Members participated in person and interactive technology as permitted in Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.015. Introductions were made. Quorum was not reached.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes from July 27, 2023

Notes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

3. SVF Incentive Program Considerations

The board and staff considered the scope of the incentive program, the intent of the funds, the duration of the program and how to create a program that can be administered effectively.

The intent of the incentive program is to benefit fire departments joining the statewide plan on or after July 1, 2023. The focus is to get as many as possible to join the SVF Plan. The success could be measured by the number of enrollments. A way to administer the funding is through a tier or hybrid approach.

4. SVF Incentive Program Ideas

Staff encouraged the board to submit ideas through the SVF email address.

5. Additional Statutory Changes

An item for legislative change include vesting schedules. Other items should be submitted to staff.

6. **Next Meeting Dates**

Wednesday, September 27 at 10:00 am

Thursday, October 26 at 1:00 pm

Tuesday, November 14 at 1:00 pm

December- TBD

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.