

Pension Academy: An Introduction to Public Pensions

Important Event Information

Thank you for registering for tomorrow's Pension Academy presented by the Connecticut School Finance Project and the League of Women Voters of Connecticut!

We are excited for the event tomorrow (January 11) and are delighted so many people have expressed interest in the Pension Academy. We hope you find the Pension Academy informative and insightful, and that you walk away from the event with both a greater understanding of Connecticut's public pension systems as well as a greater awareness of the state's pension debt and funding challenges.

As a reminder, the Pension Academy will be held from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in Room 310 of the Connecticut State Capitol (210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106).

Important Information for Friday

To make your experience at the Pension Academy as comfortable and enjoyable as possible, please see the below information regarding the seating, live broadcast, schedule, parking options, and location directions for the Pension Academy. Should you have any questions about the below information or the Pension Academy in general, please email us at info@ctschooffinance.org.

Seating

The number of individuals who registered for the Pension Academy is currently more than the seating capacity of the event room. **As a result, we expect seating to be limited and encourage all attendees to arrive early to the Pension Academy in order to get a seat.** An overflow room with a live broadcast of the Pension Academy proceedings will be available for individuals not able to grab a seat in the room with the presentations and panel. For questions about seating or accommodation requests, please email us at info@ctschooffinance.org.

Live Broadcast

If you are unable to attend part or all of the Pension Academy in person, but would still like to watch the proceedings, the Connecticut Network (CT-N) will be broadcasting the Pension Academy live online (<http://ct-n.com/>) and on TV. All materials being presented at the Pension Academy will also be available at <http://ctstatefinance.org/pensionacademy> and posted before the event so those not in attendance can follow along during the broadcast. If you are unable to watch the Pension Academy live, or would like to revisit some of the day's proceedings, the broadcast of the Pension Academy is expected to be available, on CT-N's website, for watching on-demand after the event.

Schedule

While the Pension Academy program will begin at 9 a.m., a light breakfast provided by the League of Women Voters of Connecticut will be available for attendees beginning at 8 a.m., along with the opportunity to network. The full schedule for the day, along with brief biographies about each of the day's presenters and panelists, is available at <http://ctstatefinance.org/assets/uploads/files/Pension-Academy-Agenda-and-Bios.pdf>.

Attendees are welcome to come and go throughout the day. For those attendees not able to stay the entire day, we ask that you enter and exit the event room quietly – as not to disturb the program and your fellow attendees – and that you take all of your belongings so someone without a seat may take yours.

At noon, there will be a 45-minute break for lunch. Lunch will not be provided at the Pension Academy, however, the Legislative Office Building cafeteria will be open for those looking to grab a bite to eat. Information on food available at the cafeteria can be found at <https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/content/cafe/cafe.asp>.

Finally, each presentation, as well as the panel at the end of the Pension Academy, will include time for questions from the audience. In order to facilitate smooth and efficient Q&A sections, notecards will be distributed to attendees and attendees are asked to write their questions on the notecards. Notecards will be collected by event staff prior to the beginning of each Q&A section.

Parking

There is extremely limited public parking available in the spaces outside of the State Capitol. However, additional free public parking is available on the first floor of the Legislative Parking Garage (300 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT 06106), which is where it is recommended Pension Academy attendees park. If the Legislative Parking Garage is full, metered street parking may be available on Oak Street or attendees can park at one of the private surface parking lots located a short walking distance from the Capitol.

For driving directions to the State Capitol, please visit <https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/drivingdirections.asp>.

Event Location

The Pension Academy will be held in Room 310 (also known as Old Appropriations) of the Connecticut State Capitol. The closest entrance to the room is the Capitol West Entrance on the side of the Capitol building facing the Legislative Office Building (LOB). For attendees parking in the Legislative Parking Garage, the easiest route to the Pension Academy is to enter the West Entrance of the LOB and travel over to the State Capitol via the concourse. Once on the first floor of the Capitol, there are elevators and a stone multi-flight staircase to the 3rd floor on the left and right. Room 310 is straight ahead at the top of the left staircase.

Signage for the Pension Academy will be present on the first floor of the Capitol and in front of the event room. A map with directions to the Pension Academy is available at <http://ctstatefinance.org/assets/uploads/files/Map-to-Pension-Academy.pdf>.

Thank you again for registering for Connecticut's first ever Pension Academy and we look forward to seeing you tomorrow!