

## SENATE BILL 18-200

Impact of **CHANGES**

Senate Bill 18-200 (SB 200) was passed by the Colorado General Assembly on May 9, 2018. Please note that this bill is not final and is pending the Governor's signature. This legislative package will restore PERA to full funding within 30 years. By enacting SB 200, PERA's membership and Colorado taxpayers will benefit from a stronger, more stable retirement fund.

Listed below are the provisions of SB 200 that affect PERA's membership.



### Current Members

- » Increase the member contribution rate for most members by an additional 2 percent of pay, totaling 10 percent, phased in beginning July 1, 2019.
- » Wait three years before receiving first annual increase.
- » Set the annual increase cap at 1.5 percent.
- » Redefine PERA-includable salary to include sick leave pay.
- » Increase to five the number of years used in the Highest Average Salary (HAS) calculation for nonvested members (those with less than five years of service credit as of January 1, 2020); increase to three-year HAS for Judicial Division members.



### Current Retirees

- » Set the annual increase cap at 1.5 percent.
- » Suspend the annual increase for two years (effective for 2018 and 2019).
- » Increase the working retiree contribution rate (for retirees working for PERA employers) by an additional 2 percent of pay, totaling 10 percent, phased in beginning July 1, 2019.



### Employers

- » Increase the employer contribution rate by an additional 0.25 percent except for Local Government Division employers, effective July 1, 2019.
- » Redefine PERA-includable salary to include any deductions made to tax-advantaged plans for new PERA members hired on or after July 1, 2019.
- » Redefine PERA-includable salary to include sick leave pay for all members.



### State Budget Allocation

- » Direct an annual allocation to PERA from the State budget of \$225 million starting July 1, 2018.



### Future Members (starting membership 1/1/2020)

- » Increase eligibility requirements (age and service) for full service retirement benefits to age 64 for most divisions with 30 years of service; age 55 and 25 years of service for a reduced service retirement.
- » Increase to five the number of years used in the HAS calculation; increase to three-year HAS for Judicial Division members.
- » Set the annual increase cap at 1.5 percent.
- » Wait three years before receiving first annual increase.
- » Increase the member and working retiree contribution rates by an additional 2 percent of pay for new hires as of January 1, 2020, totaling 10 percent for most members.
- » Redefine PERA-includable salary to include any deductions made to tax-advantaged plans\* and sick leave pay.
- » Expand Defined Contribution (DC) Choice to new hires as of January 1, 2019, in the Local Government Division and to new hires as of January 1, 2019, who are classified college and university employees.

\* Applies to new PERA members hired on or after July 1, 2019.



### Other Provisions

- SB 200 contains additional provisions to ensure PERA remains a stronger and more stable retirement fund.
- » **Automatic Adjustment Provision**—Adjusts member and employer contributions, the annual increase, and the allocation from the State budget to keep PERA on a path to full funding in 30 years.
  - » **Legislative Oversight**—Expands the existing Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension Reform Commission to include oversight of PERA and creates a subcommittee exclusively focused on PERA. The 14-member subcommittee will include four legislators appointed from the Commission and 10 appointed external experts from relevant industries.
  - » **Safety Officer Rate and Benefit**—Apply the State Trooper contribution rate, retirement age, and benefits to other safety officers, including sheriff deputies and corrections officers hired on or after January 1, 2020.

---

### PERA BENEFITS THAT DIDN'T CHANGE

PERA's Defined Benefit plan remains one of the most competitive plans in the country, providing Colorado's public employees with a comprehensive benefit package that includes the following:

- » A secure retirement income that cannot be outlived.
  - » The ability to take retirement savings to other Colorado public employers who are affiliated with PERA.
  - » An individual account where your money is always yours and earns interest.
  - » Annual cost-of-living increases in retirement benefits that are compounded year over year.
  - » Disability and survivor benefits.
  - » Access to voluntary programs such as 401(k) and 457 plans as well as health and life insurance.
-



## PERA REFORM LEGISLATION

## Comparison of PROPOSALS

	PERA's Recommendation	SB 18-200 (as amended and passed by Senate on 3/27/18)	SB 18-200 (as amended and passed by the House on 5/1/18)	SB 18-200 (as passed by the General Assembly on 5/9/18)
<b>ALIGN CONTRIBUTIONS WITH BENEFITS (CONTINUED)</b>				
Redefine the basis for accruing service credit from a salary standard to a standard based on the ratio of time worked for new members as of 1/1/2020	✓	✓	N/A	N/A
<b>TERMINATE AFFILIATION</b>				
Determine the discount rate for the amount of an employer's obligation using the actuarial investment assumption rate set by the Board, minus 200 basis points	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>OTHER PROVISIONS</b>				
<b>Automatic Adjustment Provision</b> —Adjusts member and employer contributions as well as the AI to keep PERA on a path to full funding in 30 years	✓	Auto-adjustments would only apply to member contributions and the AI	✓	Auto-adjustments would also apply to allocation from State budget
<b>Expanded Choice</b> —Allow new PERA members in other divisions the option to participate in either the PERA Defined Benefit (DB) Plan or the PERA Defined Contribution (DC) Plan with no negative impact on the unfunded liability by adjusting employer contribution rates	N/A	For members hired on or after 1/1/2019, expand access to PERA DC Plan to the School, DPS, and Local Government, and Judicial Divisions	N/A	For members hired on or after 1/1/2019, expand access to PERA DC Plan to the Local Government Division and classified college and university employees
<b>Legislative Oversight Committee</b> —Establish a public pension legislative oversight committee	N/A	Establish a new oversight committee that would include members from the House and Senate as well as external experts in relevant industries. This new committee would also have oversight of the Fire & Police Pension Association	Expand the existing Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension Reform Commission to include oversight of PERA and create a subcommittee exclusively focused on PERA	Expand the existing Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension Reform Commission to include oversight of PERA and create a subcommittee exclusively focused on PERA. The 14-member subcommittee will include four legislators appointed from the Commission and 10 appointed external experts from relevant industries
<b>Safety Officer Rate and Benefit</b> —Apply the state trooper contribution rate, retirement age, and benefits to other safety officers, including sheriff deputies and corrections officers hired on or after 1/1/2020	N/A	N/A	✓	✓
<b>Private Equity and Real Estate Investments</b> —Allows PERA to share details on these investments in an executive session of the legislators in the legislative oversight subcommittee unless confidentiality prohibits such disclosure	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓



# PERA REFORM LEGISLATION

## Comparison of PROPOSALS

The PERA Board's proposal compared with Senate Bill (SB) 18-200 as passed by the General Assembly.

	PERA's Recommendation	SB 18-200 (as amended and passed by Senate on 3/27/18)	SB 18-200 (as amended and passed by the House on 5/1/18)	SB 18-200 (as passed by the General Assembly on 5/9/18)
<b>INCREASE CONTRIBUTIONS</b>				
Increase contributions for current members and working retirees	Additional 3% of pay	Additional 3% of pay phased in starting 7/1/2018	N/A	Additional 2% of pay phased in starting 7/1/2019
Increase contributions for future/new members	Additional 2% of pay	N/A	N/A	Additional 2% of pay
Increase employer contribution rates	Additional 2% of pay	N/A	N/A	Additional 0.25% of pay starting 7/1/2019 except for Local Government Division employers
Allocate approximately 3% of payroll (excluding payroll in the Local Government Division) from state budget to PERA starting 7/1/2018, and continuing thereafter	N/A	N/A	✓	Allocation of \$225 million annually
<b>MODIFY BENEFITS</b>				
Reduce the Annual Increase (AI) cap	1.5%	1.25%	1.25%	1.5%
Suspend the AI for two years for current retirees (effective 2018 and 2019)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Extend the AI waiting period to three years for new retirees receiving first annual increase	✓	✓	✓	✓
Increase eligibility requirements (age and service) for full service and reduced service retirements for future/new members as of 1/1/2020	Full: » Age 65 + 5 yrs service Reduced: » Age 60 + 5 yrs service » Age 55 + 25 yrs service	Full: » Age 65 + 5 yrs service Reduced: » Age 60 + 5 yrs service » Age 55 + 25 yrs service	Full: » Age 60 + 30 yrs service Reduced: » Age 60 + 5 yrs service » Age 55 + 25 yrs service	Full: » Age 64 + 30 yrs service Reduced: » Age 60 + 5 yrs service » Age 55 + 25 yrs service
Increase number of years used in the Highest Average Salary (HAS) calculation for nonvested members as of 1/1/2020 and new members hired on or after 1/1/2020	5-year HAS (3-year HAS for Judicial Division)	7-year HAS (3-year HAS for Judicial Division)	5-year HAS (3-year HAS for Judicial Division)	5-year HAS (3-year HAS for Judicial Division)
<b>ALIGN CONTRIBUTIONS WITH BENEFITS</b>				
Redefine PERA-includable salary to include deductions to tax-advantaged plans (Section 125 and 132 plans) and sick leave pay for all PERA members upon enactment of the bill	✓	✓	Change PERA-includable salary to include tax-advantaged plans for new employees hired after 7/1/2019	Change PERA-includable salary to include tax-advantaged plans for new employees hired after 7/1/2019
			Change PERA-includable salary to include sick leave pay for all employees upon enactment of the bill	Change PERA-includable salary to include sick leave pay for all employees upon enactment of the bill

(continued on next page)





# Library

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY

news & events

May 2018

**Locations Key:**

AV Avondale Satellite

BK Barkman

PRINTED THANKS TO THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

BS Beulah Satellite

GI Giodone

LU Lucero

LB Lamb

LY Library @ the Y

GV Greenhorn Valley

PW Pueblo West

RA Rawlings

## Library wins highest honor

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced Pueblo City-County Library District as one of 10 recipients of the 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries that make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. Over the past 24 years, the award has celebrated 182 institutions that are making a difference for individuals, families, and communities. The award will be presented at an event at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C., in May.

PCCLD seeks to provide the best possible library service for its community. There are 12 facilities each providing a complete range of library activities. These include information services such as readers' advisory, reference, and information literacy instruction, robust collections of library materials for public use including print, video, and audio formats; local history and archival collections, interlibrary loan, online and digital services, public meeting rooms and plenty of space for individuals and groups of all sizes to study and exchange ideas, and wide-ranging cultural and

educational programs and events.

"It is a pleasure to recognize the 10 distinctive recipients of the National Medal of Museum and Library Service," said IMLS Director Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew. "Through their programs, services, and partnerships, these institutions exemplify the many ways that libraries and museums are positively transforming communities across the nation."

Selected from 29 national finalists, the 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Service winners represent institutions that provide dynamic programming and services that exceed expected levels of service. Through their community outreach, these institutions bring about change

2018 WINNER

## National Medal for Museum & Library Service

**Save the date!**

## Celebrate with us!

A community celebration will take place at the kickoff concert for Summer Reading on Friday, June 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Rawlings Library courtyard. Listen to live music from Blue Pepper Band, visit and take photos with Paw Patrol's Marshall & Chase, rock painting and more! **Complimentary appetizers and drinks provided. Free and open to the public.**

that touches the lives of individuals and helps communities thrive.

"I am very pleased that Pueblo City-County Library District has been accorded this special distinction," said the district's executive director, Jon Walker. "It is a singular accomplishment for PCCLD and for the greater Pueblo Community. It truly is a once-in-

a-lifetime attainment."

PCCLD was nominated by Sen. Cory Gardner who wrote: "The National Medal will fully recognize the great achievements Pueblo City-County Library District has made for its community, and reinforce its commitment to

**See, Library wins, page 2**

**Hours:**

Monday - Thursday  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Greenhorn, Giodone and Lucero only)

Monday - Friday  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 4 to 8 p.m. (Library @ the Y only)

Friday & Saturday  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Greenhorn, Giodone and Lucero only)

Saturday  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Library @ the Y only)

Sunday (Rawlings only)  
1 - 5 p.m.

**Phone:** 562-5600

**Locations:**

Barkman Library  
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.  
Greenhorn Valley Library  
4801 Cibola Dr.  
Colorado City, Colo.  
Giodone Library  
24655 U.S. Hwy 50 E.  
Lamb Library  
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.  
Library @ the Y  
3200 Spaulding

**Lucero Library**

1315 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Pueblo West Library  
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.  
Rawlings Library  
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

**Satellite library locations:**

Avondale Elementary  
213 Hwy. 50 E.  
Beulah School  
8734 Schoolhouse Ln.

**Board of Trustees:**

Doreen Martinez, President  
Fredrick Quintana, VP  
Marlene Bregar  
Lyndell Gairaud  
Stephanie Garcia  
Phil Mancha  
Jim Stuart

**Foundation Board:**

Lyndell Gairaud, President  
Jim Stuart, VP  
Carol King, Secretary  
P. Michael Voute, Treasurer

**Friends of the Library**

**Officers:**

Dustin Hodge, President  
Evelyn Clayton, VP  
Monica Ayala, Secretary  
Leslie Carroll, Treasurer

[www.pueblolibrary.org](http://www.pueblolibrary.org)



MICHAEL F. BENNET  
COLORADO



**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

April 30, 2018

Jon Walker  
Pueblo City-County Library-Rawlings  
100 E. Abriendo Avenue  
Pueblo, CO 81004-4290

Dear Jon and Pueblo Library Staff:

Congratulations on being selected by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) as a 2018 finalist for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. This recognition is the nation's highest federal honor for libraries and is a testament of your dedication to serve Coloradans in Pueblo County and across the state.

Each year, IMLS selects institutions that demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to public service that exceed the expected levels of outreach. Your commitment to strong community partnerships and lifelong learning through education and cultural programs, have earned you a reputation as one of our nation's best libraries.

We are proud of this acknowledgement and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael F. Bennet".

Michael F. Bennet  
United States Senator



# PUEBLO WEST Colorado

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

### REGULAR MEETING

MAY 8, 2018

109 E. INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD - BOARDROOM  
6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER: PRESIDENT JUDY LEONARD

B. INVOCATION: BRYAN KELSEN, CHRIST CHURCH

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

F. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTIONS

F.1. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-\_\_ A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 12, 2018 TO BE PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

Presenter: Darrin Tangeman

Documents:

RESOLUTION 2018-\_\_ Public Service Recognition Week.pdf

F.2. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-\_\_ A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT AS AMERICA'S BEST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Presenter: Darrin Tangeman

Documents:

RESOLUTION 2018-\_\_ Pueblo City-County Library District.pdf

F.3. VETERANS LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP - ARIC WARD, HUMAN RESOURCES

Presenter: Darrin Tangeman

F.4. VETERANS LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP - BRADLEY STEVENS, FIRE DEPARTMENT

Presenter: Darrin Tangeman

F.5. CITIZENS ACADEMY GRADUATION

Presenter: Jay-Michael Baker

G. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE APPLICATION OF A STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN FOR STATES AVE AND TRACT 220 PROJECTS

Presenter: Scott Eilert

**H. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS****I. COMMITTEE REPORTS****J. DIRECTORS COMMENTS****K. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

*(THE PRESIDENT WILL REMOVE ANY CONSENT AGENDA ITEM UPON REQUEST BY ANY DIRECTOR OR ASSIGNED STAFF. REMOVED ITEMS WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY BY THE BOARD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONSENT AGENDA, OR BE CONTINUED TO ANOTHER MEETING DATE, OR HANDLED IN A MANNER OTHERWISE DETERMINED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD.)*

**K.1. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Documents:

25K Report 042118-050418.pdf  
Investment Report April 2018.pdf  
Board Financial Summary 04-30-2018.pdf

**K.2. DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT****K.3. MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 13, 2018

**L. OLD BUSINESS****L.1. SIEMENS REVIEW AND UPDATE**

Presenter: Oscar Rangel

**L.2. 4TH QUARTER UPDATE ON THE 48/96 SCHEDULE**

Presenter: TIM MITCHELL

**L.3. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-\_\_ A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT 70 AND THE PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

Presenter: Carol Cosby

Documents:

D70 IGA Background.pdf  
D70 IGA.pdf  
Dist 70 IGA Signed by D70 only.pdf  
D70 PWMD Playground Park Ex A.pdf  
D70 IGA Exhibit B.pdf  
Resolution 2018-\_\_\_\_ Approving IGA Dist 70.pdf

**L.4. DISCUSSION ON SELECTION OF ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR TAP PROJECT**

Presenter: Shawn Winters

Documents:

L-4 Background Selection of Engineering Consulting Services.pdf

**L.5. SCOPE OF WORK DISCUSSION FOR INCORPORATION STUDY RFP**

Presenter: Darrin Tangeman

**M. NEW BUSINESS**



**M.1. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-\_\_ A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REDUCTION OF SPEED LIMIT ON EAST PLATTEVILLE BLVD.**

Presenter: Shawn Winters

Documents:

Resolution No. 797.pdf  
M-1 East Platteville Speed Limit Background.pdf  
M-1 Resolution 2018-\_\_\_\_\_ establishing speed limits for Plateville and McCulloch.pdf

**M.2. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE, DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE ITSELF WITH PROCEEDS OF A FUTURE BORROWING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE DISTRICT; IDENTIFYING THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND THE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR SUCH PAYMENT; AND PROVIDING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

Presenter: Scott Eilert

Documents:

Background Paper 2018 Tract 220 States Ave SRF Reimbursement.docx  
Resolution 2018-\_\_\_\_\_ Board Approval to Reimburse the Wastewater Enterprise Fund with the SRF for Tract 220 and States Avenue.docx

**N. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. 4TH OF JULY ANNUAL WET & DRY PARADE  
REGISTRATION MAY 1 TO JUNE 29, 2018

THEME: SHE'S A GRAND OLD FLAG

2. AGENDA SETTING MEETING WITH DIRECTORS LEONARD AND FRENCH  
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 AT 9:00 AM – BOARDROOM

3. DISTRICT EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION SPRING PICNIC  
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 FROM 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM – LOVELL PARK

DISTRICT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DURING THIS TIME

4. COMMITTEE OF ARCHITECTURE MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018 AT 5:30 PM – BOARDROOM

5. REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018 AT 6:00 PM – BOARDROOM

6. PUEBLO WEST PARKS AND REC POOL OPENS SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018 AT 11:00 AM

7. MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018  
DISTRICT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

8. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FOR ELECTED OFFICIAL ORIENTATION  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018 FROM 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM AT FIRE STATION 3

**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- O.1. §24-6-402(4)(E), C.R.S., DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, AND DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS; DISTRICT LAND SWAP NEGOTIATIONS

**P. ADJOURN**



RESOLUTION 2018-\_\_

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT AS  
AMERICA'S BEST PUBLIC LIBRARY

PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

**WHEREAS**, the Pueblo City-County Library District ("PCCLD") serves as a bedrock for the Pueblo County community by offering welcoming and exceptional facilities, outstanding collections, and well-trained employees who provide expert service by encouraging the joy of reading, supporting lifelong learning, and presenting access to information from around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 the PCCLD Pueblo West branch loaned nearly 382,500 items, greeted more than 267,500 visitors, welcomed over 29,850 program attendees, and provided meeting space for more than 53,800 individuals in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2017 the PCCLD was nominated for the Engaging Local Government Leaders ("ELGL") Leslie B. Knope contest for the Best Public Library in America by Laura Savage of the Pueblo West Metropolitan District; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations and individuals throughout the Pueblo region, the State of Colorado, and the entire country showed their support for PCCLD and other public libraries though the duration of the ELGL Leslie B. Knope Best Library in America contest; and

**WHEREAS**, on Monday, March 5, 2018 it was announced by ELGL that, with a total of 19,964 votes cast in the final championship, the PCCLD was the winner of the Leslie B. Knope Award and is the best public library in America.

**WHEREAS** specifically, the PCCLD Pueblo West branch provides exceptional services to the Pueblo West community, improves the lives of residents, makes Pueblo West an excellent place for all to live, and the Pueblo West Metropolitan District is proud to be the home of a branch of the best public library in America.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Pueblo West Metropolitan District that May 8, 2018 be and hereby is declared Pueblo City-County Library Day within the Pueblo West Metropolitan District and do hereby encourage all citizens to join in expressing our appreciation and recognizing the Pueblo West Branch for its significant contribution to the community of Pueblo West.

\* \* \* \* \*

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted at a regularly held meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pueblo West Metropolitan District on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Directors:

NOES, Directors:

ABSENT, Directors:

---

Secretary  
(SEAL)

**Colorado Association of Libraries, Legislative Committee Minutes**  
**Friday, May 4, 2018 at 10:00 am**  
**Commissioner's Room, Denver Public Library**

**Call to Order****ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** April 2018**Report : CAL Board:****Calendar of Activity updates for 2018 (10 minutes)**

Event Date	Event Name	Details
January	Convening Day of Legislative Session	Wednesday, January 10, 2018
February	CALCON program proposal deadline	February 15, 2018
March	Lobby Day	March 27, 2018
April	County Assemblies	Date varies
May	National Library Legislative Day	May 7-8, 2018 – John Wilkinson is coordinating
May	Legislature Adjourns	May 9, 2018
June	Colorado Primaries, Legislative Debrief	Tuesday, June 26, 2018, June 1, 2018
July – September	Legislative Committee Meeting Hiatus	A meeting can be called if needed
September	CALCON	September 13-15, 2018
November	Submit committee budget request	Usually a zero budget for regular work and requests to support National Library Legislative Day
December	Final Report to CAL Board/Membership	

**REPORTS:****LOBBYIST'S REPORT** [Jerry Braden, Amber Valdez, Ruben Valdez, Mollie Steinemann] Time: 20 minutes

- Legislative Session Updates
- NET neutrality (1312 dead)
- Potential Gallagher "fix"

**CAL LEGISLATIVE AWARD****INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM UPDATE****INITIATIVE 93 PLANNING****NATIONAL LEGISLATION**

Time allocated: 5 minutes

**PAC Fundraising Report****Assignments follow-up and next steps**

Time allocated: 10 minutes

Who	Action
Jerry Braden Amber Valdez, & Ruben Valdez	Town Hall Meetings throughout the state
Task Force Needed	Develop Fundraising Plan for Legislative Committee Team looking at fundraising.
Collaboration with PAC Needed	Develop Fundraising Plan for PAC
	•

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS****NEXT MEETING May 4, 2018**For Remote Access use the following link: Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/986432704>



**Budget:**

- It was clarified that the monies that go to the Radio Reading Service are set by state statute. Funds go to the National Federation for the Blind and the Audio Information Network of Colorado.
- The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) is going through changes:
  - In past years, the six JBC Members held a united front on decisions made. This year, despite a committee vote of commitment, after attending caucus, the Senators made changes to the budget that exceeded what was agreed upon. Now that there is precedent on breaking rank, it will be interesting to see how the group works together in the future.
  - Four of the six JBC members are term-limited. Senator Dominick Moreno will remain on the committee. Representative Bob Rankin will likely remain on the committee if he is reelected. Representative Susan Beckman is pursuing a spot on the JBC.
- Transportation and education remain the top issues in the budgeting conversation.
  - \$495 million has been allocated towards transportation.
  - Both the Senate and House budget proposals significantly exceeded available funds. While the House proposed multi-modal options, the Senate focused on transportation.

**Funding for Libraries**

For 2018, our priority remains on retaining the \$2.5 million allocated. Priorities for 2019 will depend on state revenues and the JBC membership.

- A possible topic to share with legislators is how libraries support formal education – both within school settings and for homeschooling families.

**Lobby Day Wrap-up**

The March 27, 2018 Lobby Day was a great success. While budget meetings changed the usual pattern, library representatives spoke to more legislators than in past years. The CAL Lobbyists gave kudos for the great literature pieces that were distributed and the items to put in the legislators' mailboxes. Overall, it was a very positive experience.

The 2019 team will be solid as Britni, Lauren, and Meagan will lead the effort again and will have the highly motivated CALLI cohort involved.

**INITIATIVE 93 – GREAT SCHOOLS, THRIVING COMMUNITIES**

CAL President, Carol Smith invited Lisa Weil, Executive Director of Great Education Colorado to the meeting to speak about the goals of Initiative 93 and to ask the Committee to support adding our organization to a list of endorsing organizations. Weil started her talk by sharing information about the low pay received by Colorado teachers (69% of what peers with similar education levels earn) and the hard decisions schools are making (such as going down to a 4-day week) to save dollars.

If approved, Initiative 93 should insure that:

- All Districts will:
  - Receive funds to return to pre-recession funding levels;
  - Have funding for full-day kindergarten;
- There will be at least \$10 million for early childhood preschool programs;
- Expand funding to include assistance for schools with students on the reduced lunch program as well as those receiving free lunch services.
- The tax increase impacts individuals earning \$150,000 or more;
- The tax increase will only impact C corporations – change that moves Colorado from the third lowest taxing state to the ninth lowest state;
- The tax increase will not impact Gallagher limitations nor TABOR limitations.

Initiative 93 has the support of a number of organizations that include School Executives, School Finance, the Colorado PTA, BOCES, and Education Association. They would be very pleased to include the Colorado Association of Libraries and the Colorado Association of School Librarians.

The Committee asked whether the initiative had a clear connection with supporting school libraries. Weil acknowledged that neither school libraries nor school librarians are identified in the initiative. However, the initiative is also non-directive to allow local school districts to work with their communities to best use the funds. Weil also pointed out that, currently, schools have no funds so there is no room to argue about the importance of the school library. If schools have funds, then a conversation might have possible results. Weil also offered resources available through Great Education Colorado to improve communications between CAL and school leadership.

After additional questions and answers ranging from fighting ballot fatigue to level of supports from various Chambers of Commerce, the Legislative Committee agreed to recommend that the CAL Board:

1. Endorse Initiative #93
2. Encourage the CAL Membership and CASL Membership, in particular, to connect with school districts to start dialogs about the initiative, school libraries, and school library staff.

### **CALCON 2018 PROGRAMS**

CALCON 2018 will be held September 13 – 15 this year. There will be two sessions on advocacy issues. One will focus on Colorado legislative issues, led by Diane Lapierre and featuring some of our lobbyists. The other will focus on Initiative 93 and ideas for action from the national organization, United for Libraries.

### **NATIONAL LEGISLATION**

National Library Legislative Day is on track with attendees from each congressional district. John Wilkinson will be updating the group about the issues they will be discussing in the next few weeks.

The conference is full and the ALA Washington Office are not accepting any more registrations. However, if anyone else from Colorado wants to go, the Colorado team can coordinate with them outside the ALA program.

**CAL LEGISLATIVE AWARD** – Senator Dominick Moreno has been a consistent supporter of Colorado Libraries. And, as he might be the only JBC member who returns in 2019, it would be nice to recognize him for his efforts.

Senator Moreno's district includes school district 14 and Commerce City.

Elena Rosenfeld will ask Ray Coffey if he has any interactions with Senator Moreno.

**Communicating with legislators-** if want a 1-stop shop will need to create something in house.

Dave – will strive to create this for net session. It would need an update as membership changes.

### **CLEF SILENT AUCTION**

The Legislative Committee has a tradition of providing a "made in Colorado" themed basket for the CLEF silent auction. Members of the committee are invited to help fill the basket through donating items or money towards the effort. Dave Sanger will coordinate efforts and purchase various items. Currently, we have:

- A bottle of wine donated by Ruben Valdez;
- Biscotti from Elena Rosenfeld;
- Diane Lapierre will ask David Bondarchuck if he is willing to donate some baked goods.

### **COLORADO LIBRARIES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)**

The PAC used much of its funds in support of State Lobby Day by covering catering costs. Donations will be happily accepted.



**Assignments follow-up and next steps**

Who	Action
Jerry Braden Amber Valdez, & Ruben Valdez	Town Hall Meetings throughout the state
Task Force Needed	Develop Fundraising Plan for Legislative Committee Team looking at fundraising.
Collaboration with PAC Needed	Develop Fundraising Plan for PAC
Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lobby Day -- co-chairs: Brittnei Ehrhart, Erica Martinez, and Lauren Seegmiller</li></ul>

30 more days before end of this session. Many items will just die. And, they are still allowing for late bills.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS****Introducing the CAL Membership to our Lobbyists**

As part of an effort to help increase awareness the work done by our lobbyists and legislative committee as well as increasing membership interest in participating in advocacy efforts, Ashley Kazyaka will schedule times to record mini-interviews with our Lobbyists to share with the membership.

**New State Librarian-** Gene Hainer is encouraging the leadership to hire a new Assistant Commissioner by September 2018.

**NEXT MEETING May 4, 2018**

For Remote Access use the following link: Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/986432704>