

Public Employee Education at the

72nd ANNUAL

Employee Benefits Conference

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New Orleans, Louisiana

Preconferences: October 23-25, 2026

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Why the Annual Conference Matters FOR PUBLIC FIDUCIARIES

I attended my first Foundation conference in 1994 as a trustee of the Los Angeles Firemen's Relief Association. Later, I was elected to serve as the active fire commissioner of the Los Angeles Fire & Police Pensions, a retirement fund for firefighters and police officers of the City of Los Angeles. The knowledge I gained from this annual educational conference helped me find solutions to some of the fund's longest standing issues and perplexing questions and served as a yearly resource.

In times of uncertainty and change, education serves as the cornerstone for smart, reasonable decision making. Now is the time to take advantage of every opportunity possible to gather the information and knowledge needed for your fund, and the 72nd Annual Employee Benefits Conference is the best educational event to do just that.

The U.S. Annual Employee Benefits Conference is the largest conference of the year with something for everyone in the benefits world. The sessions are invaluable, and the in-person networking with those facing the same issues is unmatched. I am thrilled to see growth in the public sector attending the Annual Conference, and I look forward to seeing it continue to grow as we gather October 25-28, 2026 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

I hope to see you in New Orleans.

Ruben Navarro

Public Employees Sector Representative,
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Every year, over 700 public employee benefit plan representatives gather to learn, grow and connect with each other at the Annual Employee Benefits Conference. Here are the top four reasons you can't miss this one-of-a-kind educational experience as a public sector representative.

A DESIGNATED PUBLIC TRACK WITHIN THE CONFERENCE

Ten sessions have been designed specifically to address the nuances associated with public sector plans, including a roundtable discussion that allows attendees to discuss hot topics and trends.

OVER 60 ADDITIONAL SESSIONS

Of the over 130 sessions created for the conference, over 60 additional sessions have been identified as recommended for public employees.

PUBLIC SECTOR LUNCH ROUNDTABLES

Over lunch, discuss the topics impacting you the most.

PUBLIC SECTOR RECEPTION

Meet, connect and mingle with your public sector peers who are attending the conference.



Public Plans Track

at the 72nd Annual Employee Benefits Conference

With a dedicated track and countless recommended sessions, attending the Annual Conference will give you the knowledge you need to fulfill your fiduciary responsibility. These sessions include the following.

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| PE1 | Public Sector Legislative and Regulatory Update |
| PE2 | Retiree Health Care Landscape—Public Plan Approaches |
| PE3 | Navigating a Challenging Public Sector Environment |
| PE4 | Becoming a More Effective Public Pension Fiduciary |
| PE5 | Public Employers: Comparing Self-Funded and Fully Insured Health Plans |
| PE6 | Stress Less, Serve Better: Addressing Public Worker Burnout |
| PE7 | The Retirement Timing Decision—Impact on Your Public Plan |
| PE8 | Public Retirement Roadmap: Social Security Facts, Options and Next Steps |
| PE9 | Tools to Bring Back to Your Public Board |
| PE10 | Public Employee—Only Roundtables: Building Community |

Arrive in New Orleans early and extend your learning by attending a preconference. Learn how to navigate the nuances associated with public sector pension and health and welfare funds.

Recommended Preconferences:

- Introduction to Public Sector Benefits Administration
- Public Plan Trustees Institute—Level I
- Public Plan Trustees Institute—Level II
- Trustees Masters Program (TMP) (for trustees with five years of experience who have completed Levels I and II)
- TMP Advanced Leadership Summit (must be a TMP graduate)

Sessions Recommended for Public Plans

Below are a selection of the over 60 additional sessions that are applicable to those who work with public plan retirement and health plans.

F02 Best Practices in Trustee Processes and Oversight

F06 Best Practices in Selecting Fund Professionals

F08 Understanding and Monitoring Your Financials

G01 U.S. Legislative Update

G02 U.S. Regulatory Update

G03 Updates in Benefits Litigation

H06 Improving Plan Outcomes Through Data

H07 GLP-1 Drugs—Part I: Coverage Considerations

H08 GLP-1 Drugs—Part II: 2026 Data Insights

H10 Mental Health Benefits—Accessing Necessary Resources

I01 Institutional Investing 101

I06 Total Plan and Investment Manager Benchmarking

I12 Managing Investment Risk in an Uncertain Market

P04 Actuarial Basics for the Nonactuary

P05 Dueling Actuaries

P12 Communicating Defined Contribution Plans to Participants

You're Invited! Public Employee Networking Opportunities

With over 700 public sector employees attending every year, this conference provides attendees with unique opportunities to network with their peers. These opportunities include:

Public Plan Lunch Roundtables

Monday, October 26 | 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Public Plan Reception

Monday, October 26 | 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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Public Employee-Only Roundtables: Building Community

Wednesday, October 28 | 7:30-8:30 a.m.



Join your
peers in New
Orleans this
October!



Build Your Case for Attending

Education in uncertain and changing times is vital to making smart decisions for your fund. The Annual Conference is like no other, and it is centered on education and your fiduciary duty. Here are five discussion points to help you justify your participation or the participation of your trustees in this time-honored event.

1. THREE DAYS OF VENDOR-FREE EDUCATION

The Annual Conference provides three days full of learning, with over 130 sessions from over 200 experts. These sessions contain valuable, need-to-know information without sales pitches. Sessions range from basic- to advanced-level, but all provide key takeaways and action items you can implement immediately. The content is organized into ten focused tracks, allowing you to easily pick the sessions you need and create a customized conference experience.

2. CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE IS AVAILABLE

Validate your participation by earning a certificate of attendance. You must attend 11 sessions to receive this electronic certificate.

3. GREAT INVESTMENT

Those in attendance walk away with access to all conference session presentations and takeaways for six months as well as access to the virtual environment for 30 days.

4. BUILD STRONG CONNECTIONS

Attending the Annual Conference provides you with more than just the vital information you need. Registration includes opportunities to meet your peers from around the country during lunch, morning refreshment breaks and shuttle bus rides each day.

5. MORE THAN JUST INFORMATION

Attendees will gain access to four world-renowned keynote presenters and an exhibit hall full of service providers who have the answers you are looking for. We have got you covered if you need to provide justification to attend. Visit www.ifebp.org/usannualadvantages for guidance on how to have the justification conversations before you register!

CAN'T ATTEND IN NEW ORLEANS?

Over 30 select sessions will be available online to watch live or on demand through November 30, 2026. Certificates of Attendance are offered to virtual participants who meet session requirements. Continuing education credit for professional licenses and designations is **ONLY** available to those attending in person in New Orleans.

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