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MEMORANDUM

TO: DPROA, Dwight Walker and Boux Bland

FROM: Randy Elliston

SUBJECT: Legislative Update

Gentlemen,

By the time you read this, the 86th Texas Legislature will have begun in Austin. The session began on January 8, 2019, and runs for 140 days to May 27, 2019. Next week, Governor Greg Abbott and Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick will be sworn in for another term. Representative Dennis Bonnen (R) of Angleton has received enough, if not all, votes necessary to become the next Speaker of the House. It is widely anticipated Speaker Bonnen will name committee chairs including committee membership as early as this week, which would be unprecedented. Over the last few weeks, he has named his senior staff. The Senate is a little different in organization but committee chairs will be determined and should be out very soon as well.

There have only been a handful of retirement bills. Bills have been prefilled, and although there are several bills relating to retirement systems, they are only related the state's retirement systems, like ERS and TRS.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

Senate State Affairs Chaired by Senator Joan Huffman:

The committee has no future meetings scheduled at this time. Most likely the committee will not meet again until February.

House Committee on Pensions: Chair is currently vacant (formerly Rep. Dan Flynn). The committee has no future meetings scheduled at this time. Most likely the committee will not meet again until mid February.

Pension Review Board of Texas:

The Review Board will meet next on January 24, 2019 at 10:00AM.

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