

# CalPERS Board of Administration Travel Report

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Ramon Rubalcava

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Board Member Name

November 9 - 12, 2025

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Date(s) of Travel

2025 Annual Employee Benefits Conference - International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plan

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Name of Conference (if applicable)

Honolulu, Hawaii

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Location(s) Traveled To

Purpose of Travel:

Enhance my benefits knowledge base by attending the 2024 Annual Employee Benefits Conference sponsored by the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBP) in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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Name of Educational Event:

71st Annual Employee Benefits Conference, International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBP)

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Sessions Attended (include brief synopsis of information provided at each session and amount of time spent at each session). Use page 2 if needed.

Overcoming Adversity - Chef and entrepreneur Andrew Zimmerman offered his personal story of how to become a better leader through resilience, hope, and perseverance.

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1.50

Hours

The Power of Connectional Intelligence - Keynote Session Speaker Erica Dhawan spoke on super connecting is necessary to accelerate innovation, break down silos and foster breakthrough impact.

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Economic Update - In this Keynote Session for the 3rd day of the conference, economic expert Marci Rossell addressed Tariffs, the Federal Reserve and monetary policy, and AI. Very engaging and expert presentation. + 1.25  
Hours

Navigating a Challenging Public Sector Environment - This session focused on Board responsibilities regarding cybersecurity, compensation, investment and actuarial issues, and fiduciary responsibility. + 1.0  
Hours

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<p><u>Public Sector Funding Policies - The Milliman speaker spoke on Sustainability in Funding Policies and related issues such as contribution policy, actuarially determined contribution, and amortization. Actuarial cost method and asset smoothing method also discussed.</u></p>	1.0	Hours
<p><u>Health Care Legal and Legislative Update - the Segal speaker provided a legislative update, addressed recent litigation, and administrative and agency updates. Also spoke on the impact of the Tax and Budget Reconciliation on ACA and Medicaid.</u></p>	1.0	Hours
<p><u>Public Employee Retirement Strategy - Hank Kim from NCPERS provided a public pension history and addressed plan elements such as discount rate, amortization, plan expenses, revenue and funding.</u></p>	1.0	Hours
<p><u>Public Employee Roundtable - Building Community - addressed the use of artificial intelligence, pension funding policies, and health care cost changes, benefit plan changes, fund challenges, and strategic plan and the International Foundation.</u></p>	1.0	Hours