

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

9:00 AM

Quinta Mazatlan, McAllen, Texas

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, in the Quinta Mazatlan, McAllen, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Sylvia Garcia
Senator Don Huffines
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Van Taylor
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Kel Seliger

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Chair laid out the following interim charge: Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Education and make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, and/or complete implementation. Specifically, monitor the following: Legislation to address training support for counselors, and advising courses for middle school students.

The following persons provided invited testimony (see attached witness list).

The Chair laid out the following interim charge: Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Education and make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, and/or complete implementation. Specifically, monitor the following: Program to require the placement and use of video cameras in self-contained classrooms or other settings providing special education services to students.

The following persons provided invited testimony (see attached witness list).

The following persons provided public testimony (see attached witness list).

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

Senator Larry Taylor resumed the chair.

The Chair laid out the following interim charge: Local briefing on English Language Learning.

The following persons provided invited testimony (see attached witness list).

The following persons provided public testimony (see attached witness list).

There being no further business, at 3:14 PM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair

Nicole Sunstrum, Clerk