

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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, August 3, 2016, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Lois Kolkhorst

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair took up the interim charge to conduct a comprehensive performance review of all public schools in Texas, examining ways to improve efficiency, productivity, and student academic outcomes. Study performance-based funding mechanisms that allocate dollars based upon achievement versus attendance. Identify any state mandates which hinder student performance, district and campus innovation, and efficiency and productivity overall.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the charge are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

Senator Larry Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair took up the interim charge to examine the structure and performance of the two remaining county-based school systems, Harris County Department of Education and Dallas County Schools. In particular, study the efficiency of these entities and determine whether those services are duplicative with education service centers or could be absorbed by education service centers.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the charge are shown on the attached list.

Senator West assumed the chair.

Senator Larry Taylor resumed the chair.

Senator Garcia assumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 5:31 PM Senator Huffines 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