

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair  
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Kevin Eltife  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Joan Huffman  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Kel Seliger  
Senator Larry Taylor  
Senator Carlos Uresti  
Senator Kirk Watson  
Senator Royce West  
Senator John Whitmire

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. The following business was transacted:

Senator Nelson laid out SB 2 as pending business.

Testimony was heard on SB 2 – Article III. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Teacher Retirement System

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Optional Retirement Program

Higher Education Group Insurance

At 10:48 AM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand in recess until 30 minutes upon adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:04 PM Senator Nelson reconvened the meeting.

Testimony continued with the Higher Education Group Insurance

Texas State Technical College System

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Public testimony was heard.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 2 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 4:19 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk