

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Thursday, September 15, 2016

10:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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 Thursday, September 15, 2016, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Carlos Uresti
Senator Royce West

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM. The following business was transacted:

Senator Nelson made opening remarks.

Testimony was heard on the following interim charge:

Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Finance Committee during the 84th Legislature, Regular Session and make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, and/or complete implementation. Specifically, monitor the following:

1. Tax relief provided to property owners;

2. The gradual phase out of the franchise tax;
3. Support for and the enhancement of graduate medical education;
4. Efforts of the Department of Information Resources (DIR) to modernize the technology of state agencies;
5. The implementation of required changes to state agency contracting, purchasing, and accounting procedures; and
6. Monitor the implementation of Health and Human Services Commission Rider 50.

Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Testimony continued.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Testimony continued.

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

There being no further business, at 5:00 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk