

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

1:30 PM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice was held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator John Whitmire, Chair
Senator Joan Huffman, Vice Chair
Senator Konni Burton
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Charles Perry

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:36 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair called invited testimony on interim charge 2, evaluate the current guidelines and practices in county and municipal jails relating to the health, welfare, and safety of those in custody. Review law enforcement and correctional officer training, with emphasis on mental health and de-escalation. Study the effectiveness of existing oversight mechanisms to enforce jail standards; making recommendations for policies and procedures if needed. Examine the current mental health and substance use treatment services and medical resources offered in county, municipal, and state correctional facilities.

The chair called public testimony on interim charge 2.

There being no further business, at 3:57 PM Senator Whitmire moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator John Whitmire, Chair

Terra Tucker, Clerk