

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Monday, January 23, 2017

11:00 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 Monday, January 23, 2017, 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 Brian Birdwell
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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Nelson made opening remarks.

Senator Nelson and Members of the Committee introduced staff.

Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee rules. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nelson announced the following workgroups:

School Finance:

Senator Taylor, Chair

Senator Bettencourt

Senator Birdwell

Senator Hancock

Senator Hinojosa

Senator Seliger

Senator West

Healthcare Cost:

Senator Schwertner, Chair

Senator Huffman

Senator Kolkhorst

Senator Nichols

Senator Uresti

Senator Watson

Senator Whitmire

Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Invited testimony was heard from the following:

Comptroller Hegar, Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, gave a layout of the Biennial Revenue Estimate; and

Ursula Parks, Legislative Budget Board, gave an overview of Legislative Budget Estimates.

There being no further business, at 12:27 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