

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

10:00 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 Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 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 Brian Birdwell  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Joan Huffman  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Larry Taylor  
Senator Carlos Uresti  
Senator Kirk Watson  
Senator Royce West  
Senator John Whitmire

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Kel Seliger

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The chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Nelson made opening remarks.

The Committee heard invited testimony on the interim charges relating to Hurricane Harvey:

- Monitor all funds currently being used to address Hurricane Harvey relief and recovery. Identify ways to maximize the use of federal funds and ensure the efficient use of state funds.
- Evaluate the long-term impact of Hurricane Harvey on the Texas economy and the gulf coast region.

Witnesses registering and testifying are shown on the attached list.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 3:54 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