

The House Committee on Appropriations

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8:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on February 28, 2019, the House Committee on Appropriations met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Zerwas, at 8:01 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Zerwas; Longoria; Bell, Cecil; Bonnen, Greg; Buckley; Cortez; Davis, Sarah; Hefner; Howard; Miller; Minjarez; Muñoz, Jr.; Schaefer; Sheffield; Sherman, Sr.; Smith; Stucky; Turner, John; VanDeaver; Walle; and Wilson.

A quorum was present.

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(Representative Johnson, Jarvis now present.)

(Representative Capriglione now present.)

(Representative González, Mary now present.)

(Representative Toth now present.)

Article II Budget Recommendations

The Chair laid out subcommittee recommendations for the agencies in Article II.

Agencies included in Article II

Department of Family and Protective Services

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Department of State Health Services

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Health and Human Services Commission

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Special Provisions relating to Article II

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The Chair moved the adoption of subcommittee recommendations for Article II.

The motion was adopted without objection.

Article III Budget Recommendations

The Chair laid out subcommittee recommendations for the agencies in Article III.

Agencies included in Article III – Public Education

Texas Education Agency

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

School for the Deaf

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Special Provisions - School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and School for the Deaf

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Teacher Retirement System

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Optional Retirement Program

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Agencies included in Article III – Higher Education

The Higher Education Employees Group Insurance Contributions

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The Higher Education Coordinating Board

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Available University Fund

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Higher Education Fund

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

National Research University Fund

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Support for Military and Veterans Exemptions

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

General Academic Institutions

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Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Health Related Institutions

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Public Community/Junior Colleges

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Texas AgriLife Research

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Texas Engineering Experiment Station

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Texas Engineering Extension Service

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Special Provisions Relating Only to Components of Texas State Technical College

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The Chair moved the adoption of subcommittee recommendations for Article III. The motion was adopted without objection.

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Article X Budget Recommendations

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The Chair moved the adoption of recommendations for Article X.

The motion was adopted without objection.

(Representative Longoria in chair.)

HB 4

The chair laid out HB 4.

The chair recognized Representative Zerwas to explain HB 4.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Zerwas to close on HB 4.

HB 4 was left pending without objection.

At 9:49 a.m., on the motion of Representative Howard and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Zerwas, Chair

Cameron Cocke, Clerk