

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

10:00 AM

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 Education was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Pat Fallon
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Beverly Powell
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Judith Zaffirini

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out and made opening remarks on the following interim charge:

Adult Education: Identify and evaluate current innovative programs that assist non-traditional students (first-time adult learners, re-enrolling students, working adults, and educationally disadvantaged students) in completing a high school diploma, GED, post-secondary degree, or workforce credential, including a review of adult education charter schools and their performance framework. Make recommendations to help successful expansion with partnered business and education entities.

The chair then called invited testimony (see attached witness list).

The chair laid out the following interim charge:

Teacher Workforce: Examine best practice models to recruit, prepare, and retain highly effective teachers. In particular, focus on methods to train and prepare educators for teaching through virtual, in-person, or a blend of methods.

The chair then called invited testimony (see attached witness list).

There being no further business, at 12:39 PM Senator Taylor moved that the Committee be adjourned. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair

Daniel Warner, Clerk