

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BORDER SECURITY

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

8:30 AM

Eagle Pass, Texas

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Border Security was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, in the Eagle Pass, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Senator Bob Hall

Senator Juan Hinojosa

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Hall

The chair laid out the following interim committee charge:

Community Impact: Study and report on the impact of Operation Lone Star on border, rural, and urban communities throughout Texas.

The following individuals provided invited testimony (see attached witness list).

- **DPS Panel**
 - *Director Steve McCraw, Texas DPS*
- **Local Law Enforcement Panel**
 - *The Honorable Joe Frank Martinez, Val Verde County Sheriff*
 - *Chief Federico Garza, Eagle Pass Police Department*
- **Local Landowners Panel**
 - *Christopher Roswell (Maverick)*
 - *Ruben Garibay (Maverick)*

- *Luis Valderrama (Maverick)*
- *Wayne King (Kinney)*
- *Ben Binnion (Maverick)*
- *Martin Wall (Maverick)*

- **Local Elected Officials Panel**
 - *The Honorable Jaime Iracheta, Maverick County Attorney*
 - *The Honorable Rolando Salinas, Mayor of Eagle Pass*
 - *The Honorable Juan Carlos Guerra, Jim Hogg County Judge*
 - *The Honorable Brent Smith, Kinney County Attorney*

The following witnesses provided public testimony (see attached witness list).

At 2:11 p.m. the chair announced that the committee stand at ease.

At 3:49 p.m. the chair reconvened the committee.

The chair announced that public testimony closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 3:50 PM the chair announced that the Committee stands recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

MaKayla Arthur, Clerk