

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Thursday, March 18, 2021

9:00 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 Thursday, March 18, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Beverly Powell
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Angela Paxton

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Bettencourt, Hughes, Perry, Schwertner

Senator Lucio moved adoption of the committee rules. Senator West seconded the motion. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The chair called Mike Morath, Commissioner, Texas Education Agency, to provide invited testimony.

The chair laid out SB 178 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 178 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 179 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 179 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 89 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

Senator Menéndez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Menéndez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 89 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 204 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 204 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 338 and recognized the author, Senator Powell, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 338 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 442 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 442 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 1:34 PM Senator Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair

Bradley Hurt, Clerk