

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

9:00 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, February 23, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Dawn Buckingham  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Joan Huffman  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Larry Taylor  
Senator Royce West  
Senator John Whitmire

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair made opening remarks.

Senator Nelson laid out SB 1. Testimony was heard on SB 1 – Article III. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
Available University Fund  
Higher Education Fund  
National Research University Fund  
Permanent Fund Supporting Military and Veterans Exemptions  
General Academic Institutions, Lamar State Colleges, Texas State Technical Colleges  
Health Related Institutions  
Texas Woman's University  
Midwestern State University  
Texas Southern University

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Stephen F. Austin State University  
Texas A&M University System Administration  
Texas A&M System Agencies

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

Texas A&M Agrilife Research  
Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service  
Texas A&M Forest Service  
Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service  
Texas A&M Transportation Institute  
Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station  
Texas A&M System Universities

- Texas A&M University
- Texas A&M University - Galveston

At 3:45 PM Senator Nelson announced that the Committee stand in recess until one hour upon adjournment of the Senate.

At 6:16 PM the Committee reconvened.

- Prairie View A&M University
- Tarleton State University
- Texas A&M University - Central Texas
- Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
- Texas A&M University – Kingsville
- Texas A&M University – San Antonio
- Texas A&M International University
- West Texas A&M University
- Texas A&M University – Commerce
- Texas A&M University – Texarkana

Texas A&M University System Health Science Center

Texas State University System

- Lamar University
- Sam Houston State University
- Sul Ross State University and Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

- Texas State University
- Lamar State College – Orange

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

- Lamar Institute of Technology
- Lamar State College – Port Arthur

University of North Texas System Administration

- University of North Texas
- University of North Texas at Dallas

University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth

Public testimony was heard.

The chair closed testimony on Article III.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 1 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 9:30 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed until Wednesday, February 24, 2021. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk