

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

10:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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, June 14, 2022, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Braden Creighton
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Charles Schwertner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Dawn Buckingham
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. The following business was transacted:

Chair Huffman recognized Senator Nelson and announced that the conference room in the Senate Finance office has officially been named the Jane Nelson Conference Room.

The Committee heard invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

Long-term Care Funding: Examine state investments in the long-term care system. Study nursing facility funding issues and the impact of the pandemic on capacity and delivery of care. Explore nursing facility quality metrics and recommend strategies to improve the sustainability of the long-term care workforce.

Medicaid: Monitor the financial impact of federal decision-making affecting supplemental Medicaid funding for Texas hospitals and health care systems, including negotiations between the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Texas Medicaid agency regarding the state's 1115 Medicaid waiver and other federal proposals reducing supplemental funding streams for Texas.

Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

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

There being no further business, at 4:17 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk