

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

11:00 AM or 30 minutes upon adjournment

Betty King Committee Room

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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 Local Government was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

Senator José Menéndez, Vice Chair

Senator Sarah Eckhardt

Senator Roland Gutierrez

Senator Bob Hall

Senator Robert Nichols

Senator Angela Paxton

Senator Drew Springer

Senator Judith Zaffirini

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

At 4:03 PM Senator Menéndez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 604.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Nichols moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 604 do not pass but that CSSB 604 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:06 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 630.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 630 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 659.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 659 do not pass but that CSSB 659 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 4 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 725.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 725 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 916.

Senator Menéndez sent up a committee substitute. Senator Menéndez moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 916 do not pass but that CSSB 916 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1212.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 1212 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1338.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 1338 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1355.

Senator Menéndez moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 1355 do not pass but that CSSB 1355 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 526.

Senator Menéndez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Menéndez moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 526 do not pass but that CSSB 526 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1168 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1168 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 334 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill.

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Senator Menéndez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nathan Johnson 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 Menéndez moved the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2188 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2188 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1679 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1679 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved to reconsider the vote by which SB 659 was reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it pass as substituted and be printed. Senator Nichols was on the prevailing side.

Senator Bettencourt moved that the motion to SB 659 be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 659 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 4 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out SB 449 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 449 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:15 PM Senator Menéndez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1764 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 Menéndez moved that SB 1764 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1437 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1437 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:43 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1401 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1401 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1413 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1413 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:07 PM Senator Menéndez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 10 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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

The chair laid out SB 1879 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 10 and SB 1879 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:48 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:50 PM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

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Sydney Suss, Clerk