

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

10:00 AM

Ext. Auditorium

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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 Wednesday, April 20, 2022, in the Ext. Auditorium.

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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 Judith Zaffirini

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Drew Springer

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The chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out the following interim charge on bond elections: Review and report on voter participation and bond election result differences between November and May elections. Make recommendations for improved voter turnout, increased election efficiencies, and better of local debt.

Witnesses providing invited testimony are shown on the attached list.

The chair laid out the following interim charge on ballot language: Study the development of the language used for constitutional amendment and local ballot propositions. Recommend changes to make ballot propositions more easily understood by voters.

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Witnesses providing invited testimony and public testimony are shown on the attached list.

There being no further business, at 12:31 PM Senator Nichols 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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Bradley Hurt, Clerk