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SENATE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Monday, April 12, 2021

12:45 PM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Nominations was held on Monday, April 12, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Dawn Buckingham, Chair
Senator Angela Paxton, Vice Chair
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Drew Springer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Eckhardt
Senator Paxton
Senator Springer

Senator Gutierrez moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearings held on March 29, 2021, and April 6, 2021; without objection, it was so ordered.

Chair Buckingham, on behalf of Senator Nichols, introduced Robert Flores, reappointed to the Stephen F. Austin State University Board of Regents.

Upon arrival, Senator Nichols was recognized to offer comments of support for Robert Flores' reappointment to the Stephen F. Austin State University Board of Regents.

Chair Buckingham, on behalf of Senator Schwertner, introduced Will McAdams, appointed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Upon arrival, Senator Schwertner was recognized to offer comments of support for Will McAdams' appointment to the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Upon arrival, Senator Hancock was recognized to offer comments of support for Will McAdams' appointment to the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Mr. Flores made an opening statement. Questions and comments were offered by the following members: Chair Buckingham and Senator Seliger.

Mr. McAdams made an opening statement. Questions and comments were offered by the following members: Chair Buckingham, Senator Alvarado, Senator Springer, Vice-Chair Paxton, Senator Miles, Senator Gutierrez, and Senator Schwertner.

At 1:45 p.m., Senator Buckingham announced that the committee would stand at ease for a few minutes; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:51 p.m., Senator Buckingham reconvened the meeting.

Senator Alvarado moved that committee vote to approve the nominations of the individuals to the following entities: Advisory Committee to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority, Correctional Managed Health Care Committee, Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke, Credit Union Commission, Director of the Regulatory Compliance Division, Office of the Governor, Employees Retirement System of Texas Board of Trustees, Governing Board of the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, Governing Board of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Board of Directors, Judicial Compensation Commission, North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority, Office of Independent Ombudsman for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Office of Public Insurance Counsel, Public Utility Commission of Texas, Red River Authority of Texas Board of Directors, School Land Board, State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, State Pension Review Board, State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Stephen F. Austin State University Board of Regents, Teacher

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Retirement System of Texas Board of Trustees, Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists, Texas Commission on Fire Protection, Texas County and District Retirement System Board of Trustees, Texas Juvenile Justice Board, Texas Medical Board, Texas School Safety Center Board of Directors, Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation Board of Directors, Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, Texas State Board of Pharmacy, Texas State Board of Public Accountancy, and Upper Guadalupe River Authority. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

There being no further business, at 1:52 p.m., Vice-Chair Paxton moved that the committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Dawn Buckingham, M.D., Chair

George Moore, Clerk