

## **The House Committee on Public Education**

89th Legislature

May 11, 2026

10:00 a.m.

JHR 140

Pursuant to a notice posted on April 28, 2026, the House Committee on Public Education met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Buckley, at 10:15 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Ashby; Bryant; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; and Leo Wilson.

A quorum was present.

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The Chair made opening remarks.

**State of Education**

The committee took invited testimony on the following interim charge: Study the current state of public education in Texas. Examine academic outcomes, enrollment trends pertaining to the stability of the school finance system, school safety, and the role of technology and artificial intelligence. Identify emerging challenges, opportunities, and best practices to sustain and expand high-performing schools across Texas. Explore ways to streamline statutory and regulatory provisions to improve efficiency in district operations.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Leach now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Bernal in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Buckley in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

**Implementation of HB 1481**

The committee took invited and public testimony on the following interim charge: Monitor the implementation and associated rulemaking of all legislation passed by the Committee and enacted by the 89th Legislature to ensure that legislative purposes are properly implemented, including the following: HB 1481, relating to school district and open-enrollment charter school policies regarding student use of personal communication devices.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

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At 7:20 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

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Rep. Buckley, Chair

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Jack Reed, Clerk