

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Monday, April 7, 2025

12:00 PM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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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 Economic Development was held on Monday, April 7, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Kevin Sparks, Vice Chair  
Senator Carol Alvarado  
Senator Nathan Johnson  
Senator Charles Schwertner

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Phil King, Chair

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Senator Kevin Sparks called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. A quorum was established at 12:04 PM. The following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Alvarado and Senator Johnson.

The chair laid out SB 1534 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 1534, public testimony was closed.

Senator Sparks moved that SB 1534 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1553 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 1553, public testimony was closed.

Senator Sparks moved that SB 1553 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1086 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 1087 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 1086 and 1087, public testimony was closed.

Senator Sparks moved that SB 1086 and SB 1087 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1754 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 1754, public testimony was closed.

Senator Sparks moved that SB 1754 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2322 .

Senator Schwertner sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Schwertner, in the absence of the author, 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.

There being no further witnesses on SB 2322, public testimony was closed.

At 1:04 PM Senator Schwertner assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1718 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 1718, public testimony was closed.

Senator Schwertner moved that SB 1718 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2004 and recognized Senator Sparks, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 2004, public testimony was closed.

Senator Schwertner moved that SB 2004 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2448 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 2448, public testimony was closed.

Senator Schwertner moved that SB 2448 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:40 PM Senator Sparks resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 913 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 913, public testimony was closed.

Senator Sparks moved that SB 913 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1143 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco 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.

There being no further witnesses on SB 1143, public testimony was closed.

Senator Sparks moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 1:51 PM Senator Johnson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Kevin Sparks, Vice Chair

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Jack Herrell, Clerk