

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-16

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

5:00 PM or upon adjournment

Press Room

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Education K-16 was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, in the Press Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair
Senator Donna Campbell, Vice Chair
Senator Brent Hagenbuch
Senator Adam Hinojosa
Senator Phil King
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt

The chair called the meeting to order at 5:11 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1224 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Parker moved that SB 1224 do not pass but that CSSB 1224 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Hinojosa 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 735.

Senator Parker moved that SB 735 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 800.

Senator Parker moved that SB 800 do not pass but that CSSB 800 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Hinojosa 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 2986.

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

Senator Parker moved that SB 2986 do not pass but that CSSB 2986 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2310.

Senator Hagenbuch moved that SB 2310 do not pass but that CSSB 2310 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Parker 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 2055.

Senator Parker moved that SB 2055 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Paxton 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 1049.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1049 do not pass but that CSSB 1049 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Parker 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 784.

Senator Parker moved that SB 784 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2972.

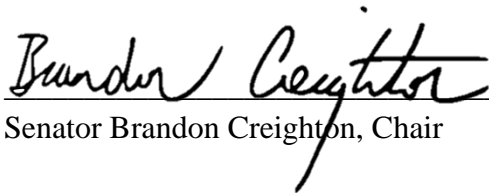
Senator Paxton moved that SB 2972 do not pass but that CSSB 2972 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2615.

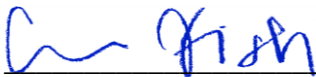
Senator Middleton moved that SB 2615 do not pass but that CSSB 2615 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 5:27 PM Senator Paxton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brandon Creighton", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Carmen Fish", written over a horizontal line.

Carmen Fish, Clerk