

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-16

Tuesday, April 29, 2025
11:00 AM or upon adjournment
Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Education K-16 was held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair
Senator Donna Campbell, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
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:

None

Senator Donna Campbell, the acting chair, called the meeting to order at 7:21 PM. The following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Brent Hagenbuch
Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Tan Parker

The posting rule, Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, was suspended to hear the following bill(s):

Senate Bill 111
Senate Bill 1908
Senate Bill 3061

The chair laid out SB 1908 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell moved that SB 1908 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 111 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

Senator Menéndez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

A quorum was established at 7:30 PM.

Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

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

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

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 111 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1551.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1551 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 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 865 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Paxton moved that SB 865 do not pass but that CSSB 865 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 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 3039.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 3039 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 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 1032.

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

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1032 do not pass but that CSSB 1032 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 571 and recognized Senator King, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Paxton moved that SB 571 do not pass but that CSSB 571 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out SB 1884 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

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

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

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1884 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 625 and recognized Senator Menéndez, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

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

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 625 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 582 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

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

No witnesses testified on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 582 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2600 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 2600 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2751 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

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

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

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 2751 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 205 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

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

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 205 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1903 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1903 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2617 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Hagenbuch sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton 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.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell moved that SB 2617 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

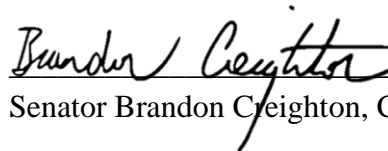
The chair laid out SB 3061 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified on the bill.


Senator Campbell moved that SB 3061 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:04 PM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.



Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair



Carmen Fish, Clerk