

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-16

Friday, May 23, 2025

7:30 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 Friday, May 23, 2025, in the Press Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair
Senator Donna Campbell, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Adam Hinojosa
Senator Phil King
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Angela Paxton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Brent Hagenbuch
Senator Royce West

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 27.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 27 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Bettencourt 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 HB 4.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 4 do not pass but that CSHB 4 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4687.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 4687 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Bettencourt 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 HB 2598.

Senator Menéndez moved that HB 2598 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Bettencourt 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 HB 3629.

Senator Middleton moved that HB 3629 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Bettencourt 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 HB 824.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 824 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Bettencourt 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 HB 4236.

Senator King moved that HB 4236 do not pass but that CSHB 4236 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 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 HB 127 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Parker sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Parker moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 127 do not pass but that CSHB 127 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; then the chairman withdrew the bill from the Local and Uncontested Calendar and reported the bill favorably to the full senate.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4361.

Senator Parker moved that HB 4361 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Bettencourt 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 HB 1868.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 1868 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Bettencourt 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 HB 718.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 718 do not pass but that CSHB 718 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Bettencourt 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 HB 4848.

Senator Menéndez moved that HB 4848 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Bettencourt 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 HB 2853.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 2853 do not pass but that CSHB 2853 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1105.

Senator Creighton moved that HB 1105 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 100.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 100 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Bettencourt 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 HB 2243.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 2243 do not pass but that CSHB 2243 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 8:23 PM Senator Creighton 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".

Senator Brandon Creighton/Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Carmen Fish".

Carmen Fish, Clerk