

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Thursday, February 26, 2015

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Thursday, February 26, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Carlos Uresti
Senator Kirk Watson
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Royce West

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. The following business was transacted:

The Legislative Budget Board gave a presentation on General Revenue-Dedicated Account Balances.

Senator Nelson laid out SB 2 as pending business.

Testimony was heard on SB 2 – Article I. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Secretary of State

Testimony was heard on SB 2 – Article V. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Board of Pardons and Paroles

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Commission on Jail Standards

Special Provisions Relating to Public Safety and Criminal Justice Agencies

Texas Juvenile Justice Department

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Commission on Fire Protection

Commission on Law Enforcement

Testimony was heard on SB 2 – Article VII. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Texas Department of Transportation

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Special Provisions Relating to All Business and Economic Development Agencies

Testimony was heard on SB 2 – Article IX. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Public testimony was heard.

Senator Nelson closed testimony on Article I, Article V, Article VII and Article IX.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 2 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 2:16 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk