

## **The House Committee on Public Education**

83rd Legislature  
October 16, 2014  
10:00 a.m.  
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Pursuant to a notice posted on October 9, 2014, the House Committee on Public Education met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Aycock, at 10:19 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Aycock; Allen; Davis, John; Farney; Ratliff; and Rodriguez, Justin.

A quorum was present.

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Testimony was taken on interim charge #3 (see below).

Solicit input from leading authorities on the traits and characteristics of good governance, effective checks and balances between the board and administration and the effective relationship between a board and the superintendent. Review current oversight authority by the Texas Education Agency over school board policies on governance. Make recommendations on trustee training, potential sanctions, and means of grievances, as well as recommendations on whether the role of trustee or superintendent needs to be more clearly defined.

(Representative Huberty now present.)

(Representative Dutton now present.)

Testimony was taken on interim charge #6 (see below).

Examine the role of the Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) in serving school districts. Review the programs and services of HCDE, specifically the department's ability to assist school districts to operate more efficiently. Report any costs or savings the HCDE provides districts and taxpayers. Make recommendations to improve the operation of the HCDE.

At 3:31 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

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Rep. Aycock, Chair

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Jenna Watts, Clerk

