

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on State Affairs was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair
Senator Rodney Ellis, Vice Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Troy Fraser
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Craig Estes

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The committee heard invited and public testimony regarding the following interim charges:

1. Monitor the requirements for guardianship.
2. Monitor the establishment of a public integrity unit under the authority of Texas Rangers.
3. Examine the practice of using public funds and employees for the payment processing of union dues. Make recommendations on whether Texas should end this practice.

Witnesses testifying on the charges are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 1:30 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

Ashley Brooks, Clerk