

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Thursday, May 9, 2019

6:00 PM or upon adjourn/recess

Senate Chamber

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Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Higher Education was held on Thursday, May 9, 2019, in the Senate Chamber.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair  
Senator Royce West, Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Peter Flores  
Senator José Menéndez  
Senator Beverly Powell  
Senator Larry Taylor  
Senator Kirk Watson

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Dawn Buckingham

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The chair called the meeting to order at 5:44 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1277.

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

Senator Powell moved that HB 1277 do not pass but that CSHB 1277 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator West 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 1439.

Senator West moved that HB 1439 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator West 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 1592.

Senator Powell moved that HB 1592 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator West 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 2709.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 2709 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Taylor moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3165.

Senator Creighton moved that HB 3165 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 5:53 PM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

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Abby Romero, Clerk