

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

9:00 AM

Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Administration was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bob Hall, Chair
Senator Adam Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Molly Cook
Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Menéndez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Mayes Middleton

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

The chair laid out HCR 111 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Adam Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HCR 111 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The chair laid out HCR 81 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HCR 81 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The chair laid out HCR 84 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HCR 84 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 5655 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 5655 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The chair laid out HCR 83 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HCR 83 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 5689 and recognized Senator Adam Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 5689 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 5690 and recognized Senator Adam Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 5690 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The chair laid out HCR 46 and recognized Senator Adam Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HCR 46 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The chair laid out the recommended list of bills for placement of the Local and Uncontested Calendar to be held on May 28, 2025.

Senator Hinojosa moved that the list of bills recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar to be held on May 28, 2025, with the exception of HB 4202. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

There being no further business, at 9:25 AM Senator Hall moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:00 PM, upon suspension of Senate rules 11.10 and 11.18 Senator Hall reconvened the committee in the Senate Press Room.

There being a quorum and all members present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Menendez moved to reconsider the vote by which the local calendar for May 28, 2025, was certified. Hearing no objection, it is so ordered.

Senator Menendez moved to add HB 4202 to the May 28, 2025, local calendar. Is there objection? Hearing none it is so ordered.

Senator Menendez moved that the recommended list for the May 28, 2025, calendar, with the addition of HB 4202, be certified. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

There being no further business, at 12:01 PM Senator Hall moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bob Hall, Chair

Thomas McGregor, Clerk