

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Monday, March 10, 2025

2:00 PM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Local Government was held on Monday, March 10, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair  
Senator Mayes Middleton, Vice Chair  
Senator Molly Cook  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Angela Paxton  
Senator Royce West

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Roland Gutierrez

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The chair called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator West

The chair laid out SB 974 and recognized the author, Senator Eckhardt, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 974 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 427 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy", to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 427 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 65 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 65 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1106 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.  
Witnesses registered on the bill are shown on the attached list.  
Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1106 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 402 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 402 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 413 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.  
Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute.  
The chair recognized Senator Middleton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.  
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 Bettencourt moved that SB 413 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 304 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.  
Witnesses registered on the bill are shown on the attached list.  
Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 304 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 241 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 241 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 583 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 583 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 673 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 673 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 840 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.  
The chair laid out SB 854 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.  
At 4:18 PM Senator West assumed the chair.  
The chair laid out SB 15 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.  
Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list.  
At 5:19 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.  
The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.  
Senator Nichols moved that SBs 15, 840, 854 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 850 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.  
Senator Middleton sent up a committee substitute.  
The chair recognized Senator Middleton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.  
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 Nichols moved that SB 850 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 499 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, 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 Nichols moved that SB 499 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 621 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, 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 Nichols moved that SB 621 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1023 and recognized Senator Middleton, in the absence of the author, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1023 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1024 and recognized Senator Middleton, in the absence of the author, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1024 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1025 and recognized Senator Middleton, in the absence of the author, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1025 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 7:06 PM Senator Nichols moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

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Jared Yust, Clerk