

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Thursday, April 10, 2025

9:15 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 Local Government was held on Thursday, April 10, 2025, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 434.

Senator West moved that SB 434 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 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 SB 1177.

Senator Cook moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Cook moved that SB 1177 do not pass but that CSSB 1177 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1214.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1214 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Paxton 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 SB 1579.

Senator Middleton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Middleton moved that SB 1579 do not pass but that CSSB 1579 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Middleton 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 SB 1920.

Senator West moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved that SB 1920 do not pass but that CSSB 1920 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 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 SB 1951.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1951 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 1 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2183.

Senator Middleton moved that SB 2183 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 1 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

At 9:31 AM Senator Middleton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2046.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 2046 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 1 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2068.

Senator Paxton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 2068 do not pass but that CSSB 2068 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 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 SB 3034.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Paxton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so Ordered.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 3034 do not pass but that CSSB 3034 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent

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

At 9:37 AM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 844.

Senator Middleton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Middleton moved that SB 844 do not pass but that CSSB 844 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 1 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

At 9:39 AM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair or upon adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:47 PM Senator Bettencourt reconvened the meeting.

The roll was called and a quorum was present.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1927.

Senator Paxton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1927 do not pass but that CSSB 1927 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 2:49 PM Senator Middleton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2010.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Nichols moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 2010 do not pass but that CSSB 2010 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 2:50 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 2:50 PM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee

stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

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