

## **MINUTES**

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

Monday, May 12, 2025

2:00 PM or upon adjournment/recess

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, May 12, 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 6:20 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 303 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Hagenbuch, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 HB 303 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3505 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate Sponsor, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 HB 3505 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2742 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 HB 2742 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 3305 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute.

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

Witnesses 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 3305 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2715 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 HB 2715 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:36 PM Senator Middleton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 21 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Middleton moved that HB 21 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 21.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 21 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.

The chair laid out HB 30 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Middleton moved that HB 30 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 30.

Senator Nichols moved that HB 30 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, 1 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 6:44 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 198 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Parker, 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 HB 198 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1535 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 HB 1535 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1535.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 1535 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.

The chair laid out HB 3348 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute.

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

Witnesses 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 HB 3348 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4753 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 HB 4753 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3711 and recognized Senator Nichols, 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 Bettencourt moved that HB 3711 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1520 as a matter of pending business.

Senator Cook moved that HB 1520 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.

At 7:08 pm Senator Middleton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 148 as a matter of pending business.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 148 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.

The chair laid out HB 762 as a matter of pending business.

Senator Nichols moved that HB 762 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 Paxton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 7:09 pm Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 198 as a matter of pending business.

Senator Nichols moved that HB 198 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 Middleton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 303 as a matter of pending business.

Senator Middleton moved that HB 303 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 Paxton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2742 as a matter of pending business.

Senator West moved that HB 2742 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 Middleton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4753 as a matter of pending business.

Senator Nichols moved that HB 4753 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 Middleton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 7:15 PM Senator Bettencourt recognizes a motion in writing from Senator Cook and Senator Middleton.

There being no further business, at 7:15 PM Senator Bettencourt 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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