

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Monday, March 27, 2023

11:00 AM

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 27, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair  
Senator Drew Springer, Vice Chair  
Senator Sarah Eckhardt  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Tan Parker  
Senator Angela Paxton

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Roland Gutierrez  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Royce West

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The chair called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM. Quorum not being present, the following business was transacted:

Roll was not called at this time.

The chair laid out SB 929 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer 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 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 929 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Roll was called:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Robert Nichols

The chair laid out SB 1439 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened – no witnesses were registered to testify.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1439 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1801 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened – no witnesses were registered to testify.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1801 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:28 AM Senator Springer assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1124 and recognized the author, Senator King, 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.

Public testimony was reopened at the call of the Chair.

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

Senator Springer moved that SB 1124 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1215 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton 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 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 Springer moved that SB 1215 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 612 and recognized Senator Parker, 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 Springer moved that SB 612 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 767 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

Senator Parker 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 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 Springer moved that SB 1381 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1381 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 Springer moved that SB 1381 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 580 and recognized Senator Eckhardt, 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 Springer moved that SB 580 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1191 and recognized Senator Eckhardt, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Eckhardt sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Eckhardt 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 Springer moved that SB 1191 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1145 and recognized Senator Eckhardt, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Eckhardt sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Eckhardt 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 Springer moved that SB 1145 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:39 PM Senator Springer assumed the chair - Senator Eckhardt resumed the chair.

At 12:42 PM Senator Springer resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 917 and recognized Senator Parker, 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 Springer moved that SB 917 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1305 and recognized Senator Eckhardt, 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 Springer moved that SB 1305 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1486 and recognized Senator Eckhardt, 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 Springer moved that SB 1486 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1487 and recognized Senator Eckhardt, 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 Springer moved that SB 1487 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2091 and recognized Senator Eckhardt, 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 Springer moved that SB 2091 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2355 and recognized Senator Eckhardt, 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 Springer moved that SB 2355 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 491 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

At 1:38 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 491 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 1:50 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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Marissa Pryor, Clerk