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SENATE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & FLOODING, SELECT

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

9:00 AM

E1.030

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Select Committee on Disaster Preparedness & Flooding, Select was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, in the E1.030.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Perry, Chair
Senator Pete Flores, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator César Blanco
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Adam Hinojosa
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Charles Schwertner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Senate Select Committee on Disaster Preparedness & Flooding met in a joint hearing with the House Select Committee on Disaster Preparedness & Flooding. Senator Perry led the Senate and House committees in a prayer.

Senator Bettencourt moved adoption of the committee rules. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The Senate and House Select Committees on Disaster Preparedness and Flooding heard invited testimony regarding:

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- the state's response to the July 4 flash flooding in Central and West Texas;
- state disaster preparations and response capabilities, generally;
- state flood planning and flood infrastructure;
- river authority operations in Flash Flood Alley; and
- first responder communications during disaster operations.

See attached witness list.

At 1:04 PM Senator Flores assumed the chair. At 1:34 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

At 1:46 PM Senator Perry moved that the committee stand at ease until 2 PM. At 2:01 PM the chair reconvened the committee.

There being no further business, at 8:36 PM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Perry, Chair

Jayna Grove, Clerk