

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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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 Finance was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair  
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair  
Senator Carol Alvarado  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Pete Flores  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Angela Paxton  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Royce West  
Senator Judith Zaffirini

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Huffman made opening remarks.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1.

The chair laid out the workgroup recommendations for Articles I, IV and V.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article I.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article IV.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article V.

Senator Schwertner was recognized on the workgroup recommendations for Articles I, IV and V.

Senator Schwertner moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Articles I, IV and V, without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Creighton on the workgroup recommendations for Article III Public Education.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article III, Public Education.

Senator Creighton moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article III, Public Education, without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt on the workgroup recommendations for Article III Higher Education.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article III, Higher Education.

Senator Zaffirini moved to sever the contingency rider for Senate Bill 1798, on page 52, without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner moved to adopt the contingency rider for SB 1798. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 4 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Bettencourt moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article III, Higher Education, as amended, without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Nichols on the workgroup recommendations for Articles VI, VII and VIII.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article VI.

Senator Nichols moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article VI, without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:52 AM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:48 PM the Committee reconvened.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article VII.

Senator Nichols moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article VII, without objection, it was so ordered.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article VIII.

Senator Nichols moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article VIII, without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst on the workgroup recommendations for Article II.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article II.

Senator Kolkhorst moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article II, without objection, it was so ordered.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out recommendations for Article IX.

Senator Campbell moved to adopt the recommendations for Article IX, without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved to put Texas Facilities Commission, Construction, Maintenance and Renovation for Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law rider into Article XI.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out recommendations for Article X.

The Campbell moved to adopt recommendations for Article X, without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair read the Legislative Budget Board directives. There was no objection to the directives.

Senator Creighton submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on the rider for SB 1798.

Senator Alvarado submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting nay on the rider for SB 1798.

There being no further business, at 3:54 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk