

## **MINUTES**

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

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

4:00 PM or upon adjournment/recess

Betty King Committee Room

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Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Local Government was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair  
Senator Mayes Middleton, Vice Chair  
Senator Molly Cook  
Senator Roland Gutierrez  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Angela Paxton  
Senator Royce West

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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Senator Middleton called the meeting to order at 4:19 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2519.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 2519 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2522.

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 2522 do not pass but that CSSB 2522 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2639.

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 2639 do not pass but that CSSB 2639 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 4:23 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2137.

Senator Gutierrez moved that SB 2137 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Nichols 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 2260.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute.

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

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

Senator West moved that SB 2260 do not pass but that CSSB 2260 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2549.

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

Senator Gutierrez moved that SB 2549 do not pass but that CSSB 2549 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2553.

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

Senator Middleton moved that SB 2553 do not pass but that CSSB 2553 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Nichols 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 2764.

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

Senator Gutierrez moved that SB 2764 do not pass but that CSSB 2764 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

There being no further business, at 4:35 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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