

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Friday, May 18, 2012

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Friday, May 18, 2012, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Florence Shapiro, Chair
Senator Dan Patrick, Vice Chair
Senator Wendy Davis
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator John Carona
Senator Mario Gallegos, Jr.
Senator Steve Ogden
Senator Leticia Van de Putte

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM. The following business was transacted:

Senator Shapiro made opening remarks to the Committee.

At 9:14 AM the roll was called and a quorum was established.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on Interim Charge 2: Study educator and principal preparation programs through colleges of education and alternative certification. Make recommendations to improve these programs. Examine strategies to improve recruitment of high-quality teachers. Examine alternative approaches to improving teacher retention. Study the benefits of comprehensive induction and mentoring programs. See attached list.

At 10:30 AM Senator Dan Patrick assumed the chair.

At 10:32 AM Senator Florence Shapiro resumed the chair.

At 11:55 AM Senator Dan Patrick assumed the chair.

At 12:00 PM Senator Wendy Davis assumed the chair.

Senator Davis moved that the invited testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

No public testimony was taken.

There being no further business, at 12:33 PM Senator Wendy Davis moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Florence Shapiro, Chair

Holly Mabry, Clerk