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SENATE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Monday, April 11, 2011

8:00 A.M.

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 Nominations was held on Monday, April 11, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bob Deuell, Chair
Senator Glenn Hegar, Vice Chair
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Jose Rodriguez
Senator Kirk Watson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Troy Fraser

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:01 A.M. Without a quorum being present, the following business was transacted:

Chairman Deuell recognized Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa to introduce Cynthia "Cindy" Leon, nominee to the Public Safety Commission.

Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nelson moved the adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on April 4, 2011; without objection, it was so ordered.

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Glenn Hegar and Senator Jose Rodriguez.

Chairman Deuell recognized Senator Jeff Wentworth to introduce Allan B. Polunsky, nominee to the Public Safety Commission.

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Chairman Deuell recognized Senator Brian Birdwell to introduce General Christopher S. Adams, Jr., nominee to the Brazos River Authority Board of Directors.

Chairman Deuell recognized Senator Robert Duncan to introduce V. Kathleen Shipp, nominee to the Texas Board of Nursing.

Mrs. Leon and Mr. Polunsky made opening remarks and answered questions from members of the committee.

Senator Nelson moved that the committee vote to approve the nominations of Cynthia "Cindy" Leon and Allan B. Polunsky to the Public Safety Commission. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

Chairman Deuell read written remarks by Senator Steve Ogden introducing Beverly Nutall, nominee to the Texas Board of Nursing.

Chairman Deuell introduced Mary M. LeBeck and Deborah H. Bell, nominees to the Texas Board of Nursing.

The panel made opening remarks and answered questions from members of the committee.

Senator Nelson moved that the committee vote to approve the nominations of the individuals to the following entity: Texas Board of Nursing. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Chairman Deuell recognized Senator Hegar to introduce Jeffrey Tallas, nominee to the Brazos River Authority.

Chairman Deuell read written introductions by Senator Steve Ogden introducing Cynthia Bourland and Roberta Kilgore, nominees to the Brazos River Authority.

Chairman Deuell stated that Senator Joan Huffman was unable to attend the hearing but fully supports the nomination of Carolyn Johnson to the Brazos River Authority.

The panel made opening remarks and answered questions from members of the committee.

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Senator Hegar moved that the committee vote to approve the nominations of the individuals to the following entity: Brazos River Authority. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. (Senator Watson submitted a voting form voting aye).

Senator Rodriguez moved that committee vote to approve the non-appearing nominees to the following entities: Credit Union Commission, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Board of Directors, Manufactured Housing Board, Texas Industrialized Building Code Council, and Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. (Senator Watson submitted a voting form voting aye).

There being no further business, at 9:06 A.M. Senator Deuell moved that the committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bob Deuell, Chair

Bogan Durr, Clerk