MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE
Wednesday, April 1, 2026
10:00 AM
Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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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 Business & Commerce was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:
Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair
Senator Phil King, Vice Chair
Senator César Blanco
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Brent Hagenbuch
Senator Adam Hinojosa
Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Kevin Sparks
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:
None

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following member arrived after the roll was called: Senator Kolkhorst.

The Chair laid out the following interim charge and opened invited testimony (see attached witness list) for discussion:

Securing Critical Infrastructure and Supply Chain Integrity: Evaluate the integrity of the supply chain for the Texas electric grid and other critical infrastructure. Identify any vulnerabilities or

potential risks posed by hostile foreign entities of concern including, but not limited to, China, Russia, and Iran. Make recommendations for improvements and an ongoing evaluation process to remain vigilant in maintaining a reliable and secure Texas electric grid.

Senator King assumed the chair.

Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The Chair opened invited testimony (see attached witness list) for updates from the following agencies:

Electric Reliability Council of Texas
Office of Public Utility Counsel
Public Utility Commission of Texas

There being no further business, at 3:14 PM Senator Schwertner moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the Chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair

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Annika Vandayar, Clerk