

AGENDA

**Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors
Board and Business Development Committee
Friday, June 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Irving Convention Center - First Floor Boardroom
500 W. Las Colinas Blvd.
Irving, Texas 75039**

NOTE: A possible quorum of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors and City Council may be present at this Committee meeting.

1. Citizen Comments on Items Listed on the Agenda
2. Approval of March 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes
3. 2023 Legislative Agendas - Updates
4. Strategic Plan Review and Committee Next Steps
5. City Council Report
6. Committee Chair Report and Staff Comments
7. Next meeting September 8, 2023

CERTIFICATION

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_____ at _____ and remained so posted at least 72 hours before said meeting convened.

Deputy Clerk, City Secretary's Office

This meeting can be adjourned and reconvened, if necessary, the following regular business day.

Any item on this posted agenda could be discussed in executive session as long as it is within one of the permitted categories under sections 551.071 through 551.076 and section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code.

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**MINUTES – BOARD AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
IRVING CONVENTION CENTER
Friday, March 10, 2023**

Those in attendance: Committee Vice Chair Sam Reed, Board Chair Robert Bourgeois, Board Vice Chair Richard Stewart, Jr, David Cole, Colvin Gibson, and Joe Philipp – Committee; Carol Boyer, Maura Gast, Susan Rose – ICVB Staff; Tom Meehan – ICC staff; Council Liaison Kyle Taylor.

Committee Vice Chair Sam Reed called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Reed asked for any citizen comments and there were none.

Reed asked for a motion to approve the Board and Business Development Committee minutes from December 9, 2022. With a motion from Board Vice Chair Richard Stewart, Jr., and a second from Board member Colvin Gibson, the motion unanimously was approved.

2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDAS - UPDATES

Articles Included in the packet are:

- History of THLA State Advocacy Program
- USAE Nashville to Bid on 2028 Republican, Democratic National Conventions
- DeSantis Takes Over Disney District
- Disney's Response to Florida's New Law is a Master Class in How to Handle a Crisis
- Frisco City Council Postpones Vote on Universal Theme Park – Again

Handout Article:

- Big Bend Sentinel: Legislators File Bills on Use of HOT Taxes, Short-Term Rental Regulations
- Update: Frisco City Council Approves Zoning Permit for Universal Studios to Move Forward with Construction

Executive Director Maura Gast noted the Texas Hotel & Lodging Association will represent our priorities, but it will be an interesting session. The concerns are wide-ranging, and of major concern from a business impact is the number of discriminatory bills that have already been filed. These issues are getting attention and the trickle down is dangerous in the tourism industry. Gast was on a call last week with the Texas Travel Alliance for a weekly legislative update and the discussion was centered around a variety of gaming bills. They have previously not been able to get passed and may not come out of the Senate for a chance to be on the November ballot. Other TTA priorities are to continue to fight for uniform school start dates. The issue has been pushed by theme parks as summer vacation gets shorter and shorter reducing not only family travel times but workforce.

Gast gave updates noting:

- Funding for the Nashville Convention Center and CVB had been pulled off the table, due to a political fight over whether the organization should pursue the 2028 national party conventions.
- Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed a bill in February that allowed him to appoint a five-member Board to Disney, significant because since its inception, Disney had been granted legal status that allowed it to create its own governing district, not unlike DCURD. The changes occurred when

Disney, on behalf of its cast members (employees) and customers, protested the state government's legislation known as "don't say gay," prompting legislation to be passed that stripped Disney of those property management rights.

- Frisco's City Council has since passed the zoning for the new Universal Studios children's theme park, but that passage was delayed as the community's initial reactions to the announcement were severe, particularly with concerns regarding traffic impacts.

Board Chair Bob Bourgeois gave a recap of his visit to Irving Day in Austin with the Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce. It was his first time attending the event. Several City Council members attended. All the legislative leaders spoke about the 2-3 Bills they were working on, and Representative Terry Meza spoke about Irving and the proclamation that was read on the Congress floor. Representative Giovanni Capriglione discussed a cyber privacy bill that has a lot of support, and an artificial intelligence bill. Office of the Governor Texas Economic Development and Tourism Executive Director Adriana Cruz spoke to the group about ARPA restaurant revitalization funds and expanding the program to include wineries but unfortunately not available tour operators who work with the wineries. The Deputy Controller spoke with the group on Texas Travel Industry recovery program for one-time reimbursement up to \$20,000 and homestead relief.

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW AND COMMITTEE NEXT STEPS

The Committee discussed the main priority to stay focused on is outreach to new City Council members, including new Council members who will be elected in May 2023. Gast noted the March Board Executive Committee meeting will highlight a quarterly Tourism Economics Report and a great opportunity for Councilmen Brad LaMorgese and John Bloch to attend. Gibson mentioned he has been communicating with LaMorgese and he has expressed his trust and faith in the CVB; however, attending in-person is invaluable.

ACTION ITEM: Council Liaison Councilman Kyle Taylor to reach out to Councilman John Bloch and extend an invitation to the March 24 Executive Committee meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Gibson to reach out to Councilman Brad LaMorgese and extend an invitation to the March 24 Executive Committee meeting.

Any accepted invitation should be communicated to Gast or Office Manager Carol Boyer for seating and catering purposes at any Board or Committee meeting.

CHAIR REPORT

Reed thanked everyone for attending and for their input. Reed asked Gast if there is anything the Committee can communicate to the City Manager or Mayor's office. Gast replied closer to budget season will reach out with some talking points for pre-budget discussions.

Reed adjourned the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m. and noted the next Committee meeting is scheduled for June 9.

Respectfully submitted,



Maura Allen Gast, FCDME
Executive Director



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Barksdale Public Affairs, LLC

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

May 31, 2023

The 88th Session of the Texas legislature adjourned Sine Die on Monday.

Leadership Priority Issues –Here is a run-down of the final status of the priority issues for Governor Greg Abbott, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, and Speaker Dade Phelan taken up by the 88th Legislature:

Governor Greg Abbott's Emergency Items:

Cut Property Taxes:

- HB 2/HJR 1 (Meyer) Property Tax Relief – DIED in the Senate Local Government Committee
- SB 3/SJR 3 (Bettencourt/Meyer) Increasing the Homestead Exemption to \$70,000 – DIED in conference committee
- SB 4 (Bettencourt) Adding Additional Property Tax Relief school tax rate compression – DIED in the House Ways & Means Committee
- SB 5 (Parker) Increasing the Business Personal Property Tax Exemption – DIED in the

House Ways & Means Committee

End COVID Restrictions:

- SB 29 (Birdwell/Lozano) Banning Local COVID-19 Mandates – Senate and House adopted conference committee report; will be sent to the governor
- SB 1104/SJR 58 (Birdwell/Slawson) Requiring a Special Session to Renew a Disaster Declaration – SB 1104 DIED on the House Calendar; SJR 58 DIED between the House State Affairs Committee and the House Calendars Committee

Education Freedom for All Texans:

- HB 4340 and HB 5261 (Frank) Education Savings Accounts – DIED the House Public

Education Committee

- SB 8 (Creighton/Frank) Empowering Parental Rights – Including School Choice – DIED in the House Public Education Committee

School Safety:

- HB 3 (Burrows/Nichols) School Safety and Security - House and Senate adopted the conference committee report; will be sent to the governor
- HB 13 (K. King) School Active Shooter Plans; Mental Health Resources – DIED in the Senate Education Committee
- SB 11 (Nichols/K. King) Keeping Our Schools Safe and Secure – Pronounced DEAD by procedural action (postponed until after the session – some provisions are in HB 3)
- SB 838 (Creighton/Thierry) Panic Alert Devices in Classrooms – Was signed by the governor and took effect on May 5, 2023
- SB 1852 (Flores/Metcalf) Active Shooter Training for Peace Officers – Was signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023

Securing the Border:

- HB 7 (Guillen/Birdwell) Legislative Border Safety Oversight Committee – DIED in conference committee
- HB 20 (Schaefer) Creating a Border Protection Unit – DIED on a point-of-order on the House floor
- SB 1427 (Flores) Criminal Organizations that Threaten the Security of the State - DIED in the House State Affairs Committee
- SB 1484 (Creighton/Holland) Border Operations Training Program for Peace Officers – Has been signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023
- SB 2424 (Birdwell/Hefner) Making it a State Crime to Illegally Enter the State – Pronounced DEAD by procedural action in the House (postponed until after the session)

GOVERNOR:

Governor's Sine Die Statement – Governor Greg Abbott has not yet issued a Sine Die message, but he is expected to call a special session within the next few days.

SENATE

The Senate adjourned Sine Die at 6:40 p.m. Prior to adjourning, the Senators elected Senator Charles Schwertner (R-Georgetown) as President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate. He will serve as Governor of Texas at times when both the governor and Lt. governor are out of the state.

Procedures for Senate Trial of Ken Paxton – Before adjourning the Senate adopted SR 735 by Dean John Whitmire adopting procedures governing the trial of Warren Kenneth Paxton by a vote of 31 to 0. Lt. Governor Dan Patrick appointed a committee to develop and recommend trial procedures no later than June 20, 2023. The committee includes Senators Brian Birdwell (R-Granbury), Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa (D-McAllen), Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe), Pete Flores (R-Pleasanton), Joan Huffman (R-Houston), Phil King (R-Weatherford), and Royce West (D-Dallas).

HOUSE

Articles of Impeachment of Warren Kenneth Paxton – On May 25th, the House General Investigating Committee HR 2377 a resolution containing Articles of Impeachment against Attorney General Warren Kenneth Paxton. The resolution included 20 Articles of Impeachment including:

- Article 1 – Disregard of Official Duty – Protection of Charitable Operation
- Article 2 – Disregard of Official Duty – Abuse of the Opinion Process
- Article 3 – Disregard of Official Duty - Abuse of the Open Records Process
- Article 4 – Disregard of Official Duty – Misuse of Official Information
- Article 5 – Disregard of Official Duty – Engagement of Brandon Cammack
- Article 6 – Disregard of Official Duty – Termination of Whistleblowers
- Article 7 – Misapplication of Public Resources – Whistleblower Investigation and Report
- Article 8 – Disregard of Official Duty – Settlement Agreement
- Article 9 – Constitutional Bribery – Paul's Employment of Mistress
- Article 10 – Constitutional Bribery – Paul's Providing Renovations to Paxton Home
- Article 11 – Obstruction of Justice – Abuse of Judicial Process
- Article 12 – Obstruction of Justice – Abuse of Judicial Process
- Article 13 – False Statements in Official Records – State Securities Board Investigation
- Article 14 – False Statements in Official Records – Personal Financial Statements

- Article 15 – False Statements in Official Records – Whistleblower Response Report
- Article 16 – Conspiracy and Attempted Conspiracy
- Article 17 – Misappropriation of Public Resources
- Article 18 - Dereliction of Duty
- Article 19 – Unfitness for Office
- Article 20 – Abuse of Public Trust

Impeachment - On Saturday, May 27th, after four hours of debate, the Texas House voted to impeach Attorney General Paxton by a vote of 121 to 23 with 2 present not voting and three absent. 58 Republicans joined all but one of the Democrats (Representative Harold Dutton voted “present”) in voting FOR impeachment.

Board of Managers to Present Trial in the Senate - On Monday, the House adopted HR 2547 creating a Board of Managers to present articles of impeachment to the Senate. It was adopted by a vote of 136 to 4. Speaker Dade Phelan appointed members of the Board of Managers including Representatives Andrew Murr (R-Junction), Chair; Ann Johnson (D-Houston), Vice-Chair; Charlie Geren (R-Fort Worth); Joe Moody (D-El Paso); Terry Canales (D-Edinburg); Jeff Leach (R-Allen), Oscar Longoria (D-Mission); Morgan Meyer (R-Dallas); Briscoe Cain (R-Deer Park); and Cody Vasut (R-Angleton).

Adjournment Sine Die - The House adjourned Sine Die at 6:15 p.m. on Memorial Day. Speaker Dade Phelan announced, “Members, you can expect a proclamation from the governor in the next 12 hours. Don’t pack your bags.”

BUDGET:

HB 1 by Greg Bonnen (R-Friendswood) and Joan Huffman (R-Houston) is the general appropriations bill for the 2024-2025 biennium. Below are highlights of the bill from the Legislative Budget Board.

Appropriations Totals:

- All Funds - HB 1 appropriates \$321.34 billion in All Funds for the 2024-2025 biennium, up from \$303.3 billion (\$18.04 billion – 5.95 percent) from the 2022-23 biennium.
- General Revenue Funds – HB 1 appropriates \$144.13 billion in General Revenue Funds for the 2024-2025 biennium, up from \$130.4 billion in the 2022-2023 biennium (a \$13.73 billion increase – 10.53 percent).
- General Revenue-Dedicated Funds – HB 1 appropriates \$6.834 billion in General Revenue-Dedicated Funds for the 2024-2025 biennium, down from \$8.024 billion (a decrease of \$1.191 billion – 14.84 percent) from the 2022-2023 biennium.
- Federal Funds – HB 1 appropriates \$102.286 billion in federal funds for the 2024-2026 biennium, down from \$117.301 billion in federal funds (a decrease of \$15.015 billion – 12.8 percent) for the 2022-2023 biennium due to the expiration of federal pandemic relief funding.

Constitutional Limitations – HB 1 is \$10.7 billion short of the pay-as-you-go limit in Article III, Section 49(a) of the Texas Constitution; and is \$1.6 billion below the constitutional spending limit in Article VIII, Section 22 of the Texas Constitution. It is also \$11.8 billion below the consolidated General Revenue limit in Texas Government Code, Section 316.001(c) (population growth plus inflation).

Public Education:

- Property Tax Relief - Provides \$17.6 billion for property tax relief, including \$12.3 billion above amounts required by current law, contingent on enactment of legislation.
- Foundation School Program - Fully funds the Foundation School Program (FSP) under current law, including increases of:
 - o \$3.2 billion to fund projected enrollment growth,
 - o \$2.4 billion for increases in the golden penny yield,
 - o \$60.0 million for the New Instructional Facilities Allotment. and
 - o increases funding to districts and charter schools for technology and instructional materials by \$307 million.
- Increased Allotment - Includes \$5.0 billion in additional funding for Public Education, contingent on enactment of legislation (HB 100 – increased basic allotment and teacher payraise).
- School Safety - Increases funding for school safety measures by \$1.4 billion (\$300.0 million in HB 1 and \$1.1 billion in SB 30), including grants to districts and charter schools and new statewide initiatives.
- Retired Teachers - Includes \$1.6 billion for a onetime supplemental annuity payment for certain TRS retirees and \$3.4 billion to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to eligible TRS retirees, contingent on enactment of legislation.
- Teacher Healthcare - Provides \$588.5 million to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) to maintain health insurance premium increases below 10 percent each year for TRS-ActiveCare participants.

Higher Education:

- Formula Funding - Provides a state focus on student affordability for general academic universities and a revamped public junior college state finance program – HB1 provides \$9.9 billion, which is a \$1.1 billion increase to the current biennium, to fund the formulas at our higher education institutions:
- Health Education and Technical Training - \$4.8 billion to General Academic Institutions, Lamar State Colleges and Texas State Technical Colleges; \$2.9 billion to Health-Related Institutions and \$2.2 billion to Community Colleges.
- Texas University Fund - Provides for long-term investments in higher education through the establishment of the Texas University Fund (\$3.0 billion corpus in SB 30) and
- Workforce – The Permanent Instruction in Manufacturing and Technical Workforce Operations Funds (\$1.05 billion corpus in HB 1), contingent on enactment of legislation.
- Healthcare workforce:
 - o \$233.1 million for graduate medical education to maintain a 1.1 to 1.0 ratio for residency slots;
 - o \$280.5 million for the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium; and
 - o \$124.8 million for other related workforce programs.
 - o Includes \$1.54 billion for financial aid programs:
- Student Financial Aid Programs:
 - o \$950.3 million for TEXAS Grants program,
 - o \$195.8 million for Tuition Equalization Grants program,
 - o \$222.0 million for Texas Educational Opportunity Grants (TEOG) –Public Community Colleges,
 - o \$22.2 million for TEOG –State and Technical Colleges,

- o \$149.3 million for Student Financial Aid to be allocated to TEXAS Grants, Tuition Equalization Grants, Texas Leadership Scholars Program and TEXAS Transfer Grants.

Health & Human Services:

- Mental Health - Strengthens commitment to mental health services by providing \$9.4 billion in All Funds in HB 1 and \$2.2 billion in All Funds in SB 30 for behavioral health.
 - o In HB 1, \$302.0 million for mental health community hospitals, \$199.4 million for mental health state hospital operations, and \$83.0 million for community mental health grant programs; and
 - o In SB 30, \$1.6 billion for new construction of mental health state hospitals, \$0.5 billion for new construction at mental health community facilities, and \$0.1 billion for maintenance and information technology projects related to mental health services.
- Women’s Health - Includes \$447.2 million in All Funds for women's health programs, an increase of \$160.1 million over current spending.
- Medicaid - Provides a total of \$80.8 billion in All Funds across all three Health and Human Services agencies for Medicaid, including:
 - o \$2.0 billion to support community attendant services and raise the base wage to \$10.60 an hour; and
 - o \$206.8 million to increase rates for pediatric services, women's health related surgeries, private duty nursing, and ground ambulances.

Public Safety:

- Border Security - Provides \$5,105.7 million for border security efforts coordinated through thirteen state agencies, including the Texas Military Department (\$2,265.5 million), Office of the Governor (\$1,388.7 million) and the Department of Public Safety (\$1,194.6 million).

Other Highlights:

- State Employee Payraise - Provides \$1.8 billion in All Funds, including \$1.3 billion in GR and GR-Dedicated Funds, for a 5.0 percent increase to state employee salaries, with a minimum of \$3,000 per year in fiscal year 2024, followed by another 5.0 percent increase with a minimum of \$3,000 per year in fiscal year 2025. (SB 30 includes funding necessary to begin the FY 2024 increase two months early, in July 2023). Additional targeted salary increases were provided to agencies with significant staff turnover.
- Broadband Development - \$1.5 billion for broadband development and telecommunications services. .
- Centennial Parks Conservation Fund - Provides the Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) \$1.0 billion in GR to capitalize the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund for the purpose of establishing state parks, contingent on enactment of legislation.
- Alamo Restoration - Includes \$400.0 million in additional General Revenue to complete remaining Alamo Plan construction and restoration projects.
- Texas Water Fund - Provides (in SB30) to the Water Development Board (TWDB) \$1.0 billion in GR to capitalize the Texas Water Fund, contingent on enactment of legislation, for financing water projects in the state.

- Flood Infrastructure Fund - \$625.0 million in General Revenue to be transferred to the Flood Infrastructure Fund to increase funding for flood control, drainage, and mitigation projects.
- Texas Energy Fund - Contingent on enactment of legislation that establishes the Texas Energy Fund, appropriates \$5.0 billion to support the construction, maintenance, and modernization of dispatchable electric generating facilities.
- Transportation Infrastructure - Increases funding to the Texas Department of Transportation for highway planning and design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction and maintenance by approximately \$5.0 billion that includes \$2.5 billion in Federal Funds and \$2.5 billion in the State Highway Fund.

Supplemental Appropriations - SB 30 by Joan Huffman (R-Houston) and Greg Bonnen (R-Friendswood) is the supplemental appropriations bill. Below are some highlights from the Legislative Budget Board of SB 30.

Appropriation Totals - Fiscal year 2023 supplemental appropriations in SB 30 total \$7,358.3 million in General Revenue Funds and \$13,207.9 million in All Funds. After consideration of these supplemental appropriations, remaining 2022–23 biennial General Revenue Funds capacity subject to the tax spending limit is \$368.1 million.

Foundation School Program Adjustment - It reduces General Revenue Fund appropriations to the Texas Education Agency from the Foundation School Fund No. 193 by \$8.4 billion resulting from updated projections since the appropriations were passed by the 87th Legislature, 2021. The net savings results primarily from increased District Property Value growth, lower-than-anticipated average daily attendance, and increased non-General Revenue Funds revenues. Texas University Fund –It provides \$3.0 billion in General Revenue Funds to the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) to be deposited to the Texas University Fund, contingent on the enactment of legislation establishing the fund.

Medicaid - It provides \$2.5 billion in General Revenue Funds and \$4.7 billion in Federal Funds to the Health and Human Services Commission to cover additional costs related to Medicaid. State Hospital Construction and Inpatient Capacity - It provides \$2.2 billion in General Revenue Funds to the Health and Human Services Commission for construction of state hospitals and additional inpatient capacity.

Salary Increase - It provides \$99.2 million in All Funds to CPA to fund two months of a 5.0 percent salary increase (or \$250 per month if greater) to classified state employees, including:

- \$63.9 million in General Revenue Funds;
- \$5.7 million in General Revenue–Dedicated Funds;
- \$18.2 million in Federal Funds; and \$
- 11.4 million in Other Funds.

Semiconductor Innovation Projects - It provides \$1.4 billion in All Funds for semiconductor innovation projects, including:

- a \$698.3 million transfer from General Revenue Funds to the Texas Semiconductor Innovation Fund and appropriations out of the Fund to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor contingent on the enactment of legislation establishing the fund,

- \$440.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the University of Texas at Austin, and
- \$226.4 million in General Revenue Funds to Texas A&M University System.

School Safety - It provides \$1.1 billion in General Revenue Funds to the Texas Education Agency to assist school districts in implementing school safety initiatives.

Texas Water Fund - It provides \$1.0 billion in General Revenue Funds to CPA to be deposited to the Texas Water Fund to assist in financing water projects in this state, contingent on the enactment of legislation establishing the fund.

Employees Retirement System of Texas – It provides \$900.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) for a onetime legacy payment to the system’s unfunded actuarial liabilities to reduce long-term interest costs.

Flood Mitigation and State Revolving Fund Match - It provides \$625.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the Texas Water Development Board to recapitalize the Flood Infrastructure Fund and \$125.0 million in state match for federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds for the Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Fund programs.

Maintenance of State Buildings - It transfers \$400.0 million in General Revenue Funds to General Revenue–Dedicated Account No. 5166, Deferred Maintenance, for use by the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) to fund future maintenance of state buildings. (The transfer is not included in appropriation totals.)

Correctional Managed Health Care - It provides \$379.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice including \$237.2 million for correctional security operations, staffing adjustments, and other expenses and \$141.8 million to fill a shortfall in correctional managed healthcare.

Vehicle Replacement - It provides \$313.9 million in All Funds to various agencies for vehicle replacement, including: \$227.4 million in General Revenue Funds; \$42.5 million in General Revenue–Dedicated Funds; \$31.8 million in Other Funds; and \$12.2 million in Federal Funds.

Film Incentive Program and Texas Enterprise Fund – It provides \$155.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for the Moving Image Industry Incentive Program and \$150.0 million to the Texas Enterprise Fund.

Endowment for Historic Sites - It provides \$300.0 million in General Revenue Funds to CPA to be deposited in an endowment fund in the Safe Keeping Trust Fund for use by the Texas Historical Commission, contingent on passage of legislation establishing the fund.

Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan – It provides \$243.8 million in General Revenue Funds to CPA to fully fund remaining Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan obligations.

Texas State Library & Archives New Facility - It provides \$210.3 million in General Revenue Funds to TFC for construction of a new facility for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for records storage.

B-On-Time Loan Program - It provides an estimated \$141.5 million in General Revenue–Dedicated Funds to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the closing out of the B-On-Time loan program.

Park Acquisition - It provides \$125.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for acquisition of park property.

In total, the Conference Committee Report for HB 1 appropriates \$321.3 billion in All Funds and \$144.1 billion in General Revenue for the FY 24-25 biennium. The Conference Committee Report for SB 30 appropriates an additional \$13.2 billion in All Funds and \$7.35 billion in General Revenue for the current biennium.

Highlights of CCRHB 1 and CCRSB 30 include:

- Property Tax Relief - Funding to support \$17.6 billion in property tax relief contingent upon the passage of legislation and voter approval;
- Public Education - The largest increase in funding for public education in state history, including an additional:
 - o \$5 billion to support public education priorities, including teacher compensation, special education services, curriculum reform, and school choice, contingent upon the passage of legislation;
 - o \$2.4 billion for increases in the golden penny yield;
 - o \$3.2 billion for student enrollment growth; and
 - o \$1.4 billion for school safety and security, including \$1.1 billion in SB30 for school safety and security grants plus \$300 million set aside in HB 1 for an increase to the school safety allotment contingent upon the passage of legislation;
- Retired Teachers - \$5 billion to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to retired educators and a supplemental payment to certain TRS retirees (a \$7500 supplement to retired teachers over the age of 75; and a \$2500 supplement to retired teachers between the ages of 70-74) contingent upon the passage of legislation and voter approval;
- Teacher Healthcare - \$589 million in additional funding for TRS Active Care to contain healthcare premium increases for teachers;
- Law Enforcement and Judicial Retirement - \$931.2 million to eliminate all unfunded liability and cover normal costs for both the Law Enforcement & Custodial Officer Retirement Fund and the Judicial Retirement Fund;
- Border Security - \$5.1 billion for Operation Lone Star, the state-sponsored effort to secure our international border;
- Law Enforcement Training - \$523 million to support 50 new troopers, six recruit schools, enhanced communications capacity and intelligence efforts and investing in the Montgomery County Special Threat Training Facility and the Williamson County Training Academy Facility for the benefit of DPS recruits, troopers, and local law enforcement;
- Rural Law Enforcement - \$381 million to bolster rural law enforcement and criminal justice efforts through a contingency for county law enforcement, additional training resources, and a new regional training facility;
- Criminal Justice - \$322.4 million for safety, security, and infrastructure investments at the Department of Criminal Justice and to expand and enhance the use of body worn and fixed surveillance cameras, digital radios and related equipment, and to procure body scanners and metal detectors;
- Juvenile Justice - \$385.5 million in new investments in the juvenile justice system including additional staff salary increases to stabilize the workforce, expand capacity for committed youth, and resources to construct two new secure state juvenile facilities with mental health capacity;

- Election Integrity - \$45.1 million in additional funding to invest in election integrity, business transactions, and filings at the Secretary of State;
- Higher Education Formula Funding - \$9.9 billion, an increase of \$1.1 billion, to fund formulas at higher education institutions;
- Higher Education Endowment Fund - \$3 billion set aside for a higher education endowment fund, contingent upon the passage of legislation and voter approval (SB 30).
- TSTC Endowment Fund - \$1 billion to a fund to support capital needs for career and technical education programs at Texas State Technical Colleges and Lamar Institutes of Technology, contingent upon the passage of legislation and voter approval;
- Community College Outcomes Funding - \$650 million to reform community college funding formulas to prioritize student outcomes, pending legislation;
- Higher Education Financial Aid - \$1.54 billion for higher education financial aid programs;
- Medicaid - \$80.8 billion for the Texas Medicaid Program, including:
 - o \$75.4 billion to fully fund the projected Medicaid caseload;
 - o \$2 billion to support and increase the base wage from \$8.11 to \$10.60 for Medicaid community attendants;
 - o \$126.8 million to add an additional 1,831 Medicaid waiver slots;
 - o \$206.8 million to increase Medicaid rates to expand access to pediatric services, women's health care, private duty nursing, and ground ambulance services; and
 - o \$911.5 million for a Medicaid nursing facility rate increase;
- Mental Health - \$9.4 billion for mental health funding across state government, including additional funds to address workforce challenges at state facilities, expand community-based services, and address the statewide mental health professional workforce shortage. This is in addition to \$2.2 billion included in SB 30 to increase inpatient mental health capacity and address waitlists;
- Women's Health - \$160.1 million increase for women's health programs;
- Maternal Health - \$11.7 million to fund new Maternal Health and Maternal Mortality systems and acquire timely, transparent data;
- Rural Hospitals - \$178.2 million increase for rural hospitals through both Medicaid and non-Medicaid programs;
- Early Childhood Intervention - \$71.8 million increase for the Early Childhood Intervention program to fully fund the projected caseload and increase the per-child funding amount;
- Foster Care - \$219.7 million to increase foster care rates, relative caregiver rates, and implement a new rate methodology that accurately captures provider costs; and \$151.5 million to support and expand Community-based Foster Care, including \$97.1 million to expand this model to 4 new geographic areas;
- State Employee Payraise - \$1.9 billion for an across-the-board state employee payraise to address a state workforce crisis, the highest across-the-board salary increase in over 40 years;
- Electric Generation Capacity - \$5 billion set aside to support the construction and operation of electric generating facilities, contingent upon the passage of legislation;
- Transportation - Over \$37 billion to address the state's transportation needs, including
 - o more than \$32 billion for highway planning and design, right-of-way acquisition, construction, and maintenance;
 - o \$95 million in new funding for the state's general aviation airports;
 - o \$200 million in new funding for port capital improvement projects; and

- o \$400 million to capitalize the Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund;
- Water Infrastructure - \$1 billion in new funding to invest in the state’s water infrastructure and supply, contingent upon the passage of legislation and voter approval; and \$625 million in new funding for flood mitigation;
- New Park Development - \$1 billion reserved to support new park development, contingent upon the passage of legislation and voter approval;
- Broadband - \$1.5 billion for broadband development and 9-1-1 services, contingent upon the passage of legislation and voter approval; and
- Restoration of the Alamo Complex - \$400 million in new funding to complete the restoration, development, and maintenance of the Alamo Complex.”

Final Status of other Major Budget Bills:

Appropriations:

- HB 1 (Bonnen/Huffman) is the general appropriations bill – House and Senate adopted conference committee report and it will be sent to the comptroller to certify and then to the governor
- HB 3461 (Bonnen/Huffman) dedicate and rededicate revenue for certifying the budget – House concurred in Senate Amendments; will be sent to the governor
- HB 4041 (Bonnen/Huffman) is the miscellaneous claims and judgments against the state bill – House concurred in Senate Amendments; will be sent to the governor
- SB 30 (Huffman/Bonnen) is the supplemental appropriations bill – Senate and House adopted conference committee report and it will be sent to the comptroller to certify and then to the governor
- SJR 56 (Schwertner) increasing the cap on the Economic Stabilization Fund – DIED in the House Appropriations Committee

Infrastructure:

- SB 1332 (Huffman/Bonnen) establishing the Historic Infrastructure Sustainability Trust Fund to preserve historic sites – Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023
- SB 1333 (Huffman/Bonnen) establishing the Texas State Buildings Preservation Endowment Fund to maintain state buildings – Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023
- SB 1648/SJR 74 (Parker/Walle) establishing the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund – SB 1648 has been sent to the governor; SJR 74 will be on the ballot on November 7, 2023

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Final Status of Major Economic Development Bills:

- HB 5 (Hunter/Creighton), providing a temporary school property tax reduction for large capital investments – House and Senate adopted the conference committee report and will be sent to the governor
- HB 1392/HJR 27 (Craddick) Grow Texas Fund – DIED in the Senate Finance Committee
- HB 2207/HJR 111 (Landgraf) Texas Severance Tax Revenue and Oil & Natural Gas (STRONG) Defense Fund - DIED in the Senate Finance Committee
- HB 5174 (Bonnen/Huffman) Semiconductor Innovation Consortium – Has been sent to the governor

- HJR 155 (Geren) Texas Gaming Commission, authorizing sports wagering and casino gaming – Pronounced DEAD by procedural action in the House (it was postponed until after the session)

ENERGY:

Final Status of Major Energy Bills:

- SB 7 (Schwertner/Hunter) dispatchable reliability reserve service – DIED in conference committee (some provisions passed in HB 1500)
- SB 1287 (King/Slawson) interconnection allowance – Pronounced DEAD in the House by procedural action
- SB 2010 (Schwertner/Slawson) preventing market abuse – Has been sent to the governor
- SB 2011 (Schwertner/Slawson) power mitigation – Senate concurred in House amendments and will be sent to the governor
- SB 2012 (Schwertner/Hunter) performance credit mechanism (PCM) guardrails and market power protections – Pronounced DEAD in the House by procedural action (some provisions passed in HB 1500)
- SB 2627/SJR 93 (Schwertner/Hunter) Completion Bonus and Zero Interest Loans for New Dispatchable Generation Resources – Senate concurred in House amendments; SB 2627 will be sent to the governor; SJR 93 will be on the ballot on November 7, 2023

US Supreme Court Ruling on Waters of the United States – On May 25th, Railroad Commissioner Wayne Christian issued the following statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court’s (SCOTUS) decision in Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that ruled in favor of landowner by considerably narrowing the authority of the federal government to regulate “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) under the Clean Water Act (CWA).

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Final Status of General Business Bills:

- HB 1826 (Turner/Whitmire) Organized Retail Theft Task Force – Has been sent to the governor

HEALTH:

Status of Major Health Bills:

- HB 6 (Goldman/Huffman) increased criminal penalties for manufacturing or delivery of fentanyl – Has been sent to the governor
- HB 12 (Rose/Kolkhorst) expanding Postpartum Medicaid Coverage –House and Senate adopted the conference committee report and will be sent to the governor
- HB 25 (Talarico/Kolkhorst) wholesale prescription drug importation program – Has been sent to the governor
- HB 54 (S. Thompson/Zaffirini) increasing the personal needs allowance for Medicaid residents of long-term care facilities – Has been sent to the governor
- SB 26 (Kolkhorst/Jetton) expanding mental health capacity – Senate concurred in House amendments; will be sent to the governor
- SB 240 (Campbell/Howard) health care workplace violence prevention plans – Has been sent to the governor

HIGHER EDUCATION:

Final Status of Major Higher Education Bills:

- HB 8 (VanDeaver/Creighton) Community College Finance Reform - Has been sent to the governor
- HB 400 (Klick/Kolkhorst) higher education Incentives for mental health professionals - Has been sent to the governor
- HB 1590 (Burns/West) Texas Leadership Scholars Program – House concurred in Senate amendments; will be sent to the governor
- HB 1595/HJR 3 (Bonnen/Huffman) Creating A New Higher Education Endowment Fund (Huffman) – House and Senate adopted the conference committee reports – HB 1595 will be sent to the governor; HJR 3 will be on the ballot on November 7, 2023
- SB 532 (West/Kuempel) student loan repayment for health professionals - Senate concurred in House amendments; will be sent to the governor

PRIVACY:

Final Status of Major Privacy Bills:

- HB 4 (Capriglione/Hughes) the Texas Data Privacy and Security Act – House and Senate adopted the conference committee report; will be sent to the governor
- HB 18 (Slawson/Hughes) Data Privacy and Protection for Minors - House concurred in Senate amendments; will be sent to the governor
- SB 271 (Nathan Johnson/Shahen) requiring local governmental entities to report security breach incidents – Has been signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023
- SB 621 (Parker/Capriglione) requiring Department of Information Resources to employ a Chief Information Security Officer to verse cybersecurity matters – Has been sent to the governor
- SB 2105 (Nathan Johnson/Holland) data brokers/third party data collection entities – Passed the Senate and House; will be sent to the governor

PUBLIC EDUCATION:

Final Status of Major Public Education Bills:

School Choice:

- HB 4340 (Frank) education savings accounts – DIED in the House Public Education Committee
- SB 8 (Creighton/Frank) education savings accounts - DIED in the House Public Education Committee

School Safety:

- HB 3 (Burrows/Nichols) School Safety and Security – House and Senate adopted the conference committee report; will be sent to the governor
- SB 11 (Nichols/K. King) keeping schools safe and secure – Pronounced DEAD by procedural action (postponed until after the session – some provisions are in HB 3)
- SB 838 (Creighton/Thierry) panic alert devices in classrooms – Has been signed by the governor and took effect on May 5, 2023
- SB 1852 (Flores/Metcalf) active shooter training for peace officers – Was signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023

Teacher Pay and Teacher Bill of Rights:

- HB 11 (Dutton/Creighton) Teacher Incentive Allotment, retire-rehire grant, Teacher Residency Partnership Program, Mentor Program Allotment – DIED in the Senate Education
- HB 100 (K. King/Creighton) increased basic allotment, teacher payraise; education savings accounts – DIED in conference committee
- SB 9 (Creighton/Dutton) Teacher incentive allotment, Teacher retention allotment, teacher mentoring program – Pronounced DEAD in the House by procedural action (postponed until after the session)

Retired Teachers:

- HJR 2 (Bonnen/Huffman) annual cost-of-living adjustment for retired teachers – House concurred in Senate amendments; will be on the ballot on November 7, 2023
- SB 10 (Huffman/Bonnen) adding 13th checks for retired teachers - Senate and House adopted the conference committee report; it will be sent to the governor

STATEWIDE:

Final Status of Major Statewide Bills:

Border Security:

- HB 7 (Guillen/Birdwell) Legislative Border Safety Oversight Committee – DIED in conference committee
- HB 20 (Schaefer) creating a border protection unit – DIED on the House floor on a point-of-order
- SB 1403 (Parker/Spiller) border security compact – Has been sent to the governor
- SB 1484 (Creighton/Holland) border operations training program for peace officers – Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023
- SB 2424 (Birdwell/Hefner) making it a state crime to illegally enter the state – Pronounced DEAD in the House by procedural action (postponed until after the session)

COVID Restrictions:

- SB 29 (Birdwell/Lozano) prohibiting vaccine mandates, mask mandates, and school and private business closures – Senate and House adopted the conference committee report; will be sent to the governor

Daylight Savings Time:

- HB 1422 (Metcalf/Hughes) year-round Daylight Savings Time – DIED between the Senate State Affairs Committee and the Senate Intent Calendar

Local Pre-emption:

- HB 2127 (Burrows/Creighton) the Texas Regulatory Consistency Act prohibiting local ordinances related to agriculture, finance, insurance, labor, environment, occupations and property – Sent to the governor

SUNSET BILLS:

Final Status of Sunset Bills:

Sunset Agencies

- Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism –HB 1515 (Clardy/Springer) – House concurred in Senate amendments; will be sent to the governor
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality – SB 1397 (Schwertner/K. Bell) – Senate concurred in House amendments; will be sent to the governor

- Public Utility Commission of Texas; Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT); and Office of Public Utility Counsel – HB 1500 (Holland/Schwertner) – House and Senate adopted the conference committee; will be sent to the governor
- Texas Water Development Board; State Water implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee – HB 1565 (Canales/Perry) – Signed the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023

TAX:

Final Status of Major Tax Bills:

Property Tax:

- HB 2/HJR 1 (Meyer) five percent appraisal cap, school property tax rate compression of 15 cents - They DIED in the Senate Local Government Committee for lack of a hearing
- SB 3/SJR 3 (Bettencourt/Meyer) increasing the homestead exemption to \$70,000 – They DIED in conference committee
- SB 4 (Bettencourt) school tax rate compression - DIED the House Ways & Means Committee
- SB 5 (Parker) increasing the business personal property tax exemption - DIED in the House Ways & Means Committee
- SB 1145/SJR 64 (West/Talarico) optional ad valorem tax exemption for child-care facility – SB 1145 has been sent to the governor; SJR 64 will be on the ballot on Nov. 7, 2023

Sales Tax:

- SB 379 (Huffman/Howard) sales tax exemption for family care items – Has passed the Senate and House; will be sent to the governor
- SB 1000 (West) started out reducing the sales tax by one-half a percent but as is passed the Senate, it institutes a one-time sales tax holiday for clothing and footwear under \$200– Voted out favorably from the House Ways & Means Committee but DIED because it did not make it to the Calendars Committee in time to be set on the House Calendar

Tax General:

- HJR 132 (Hefner/Hughes) prohibiting an individual net worth or wealth tax – Has passed the House and Senate; will be on the ballot on November 7, 2023

Texas Taxpayers & Research Association – On May 24th, Texas Taxpayers & Research Assoc. (TTARA) Chair Megan Rooney announced that Vice President Jennifer Rabb will take over as president of the association effective July 1st, replacing long-time President Dale Craymer, who is retiring, Rabb was named TTARA vice president in March. Rooney said, “We are thrilled to have someone as talented as Jennifer Rabb to take over from someone who has contributed so much to the tax policy debate over the years. Dale Craymer’s knowledge of tax policy is unparalleled, and through his leadership he positioned TTARA as the go-to authority at the Texas Capitol on tax and fiscal issues. The TTARA board thanks him for his service and wishes him the best.” Rabb is an experienced tax attorney who has worked on tax policy for Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, former Ways & Means Chair Dennis Bonnen, and former Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, as well as several prominent law firms. Prior to joining TTARA, Rabb was director of the McNair Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth at Rice University’s Baker Institute for Public Policy. Rabb holds a J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law and an LL.M. in Taxation from Southern Methodist University’s Dedman School of Law. The Texas Senate adopted a resolution on May 29th honoring Dale Craymer for his years of service to the state and to TTARA.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

Status of Major Telecommunications Bills:

- HB 9/HJR 125 (Ashby/Huffman) rural broadband infrastructure – House and Senate adopted the conference committee reports; HB 9 will be sent to the governor; HJR 125 will be on the November 7, 2023 ballot
- HB 3290 (Guillen/Hancock) next generation 9-1-1 service fund – Has been signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023
- SB 1238 (Nichols/Ashby) updating broadband development statutes – Has been sent to the governor
- SB 2119 (Schwertner/Hunter) mapping of state broadband services – Has been sent to the governor

TRANSPORTATION:

Status of Major Transportation Bills:

- HB 71 (Canales) digital ID – DIED in the Senate Transportation Committee
- HB 3297 (Cody Harris/Middleton) – eliminating mandatory vehicle safety inspections for non-commercial vehicles – Senate and House adopted the conference committee report; will be sent to the governor
- SB 505 (Nichols/Canales) additional registration and renewal fee for electric vehicles – Has been signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023
- SB 1001 (Schwertner/K. King) regulation of electric vehicle supply equipment – Senate concurred in House amendments; will be sent to the governor
- SB 1002 (Schwertner/Hernandez) operation of electric vehicle charging stations – Has been signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023
- SB 2144 (Parker/Cook) advisory committee to facilitate implementation of advanced air mobility technology – Has been signed by the governor and takes effect on Sept. 1, 2023

WORKFORCE:

Status of Major Workforce Bills:

- HB 1615 (Button/Birdwell) Pre-K Partnership Program – Has been sent to the governor
- HB 1704 (Walle/West) Workforce Housing Capital Investment Fund – DIED in the Senate Local Government Committee
- HB 1755 (Button/Alvarado) Lone Star Workforce of the Future Fund – Has been signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023
- HB 2575 (Button/Hancock) workforce diploma pilot program – Has been signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023
- HB 4390 (Button/Bettencourt) Texas Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs Grant Program – DIED on a germaneness point-of-order in the House related to Senate Amendments and was returned to the Senate

State Websites - Additional information can be obtained via the Senate, House, and capitol websites:

www.senate.state.tx.us

www.house.state.tx.us

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