

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018
12:00 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present:	Mayor Ron Nirenberg Councilmember Rey Saldaña, Chair, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Manny Peláez, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	<i>None</i>
Staff Present:	Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director of Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Dr. Sarah Baray; CEO of SA; Sally Basurto, <i>Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations</i> ; Christine Wright, <i>State Legislative Manager</i> ; Megan Dodge, <i>Assistant Director of Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Other Present:	Representative Diego Bernal, <i>Texas State Representative</i> ; Councilmember John Courage, <i>District 9</i> ; David Thompson, <i>Thompson and Horton, LLP</i> ; Seth Ray, <i>San Antonio ISD</i> ; Brian Woods, <i>Northside ISD</i> ; Michael Carrales, <i>Somerset ISD</i> ; Fred Hays, <i>Southside ISD</i> ; Roland Toscano, <i>East Central ISD</i> ; Emilio Castro, <i>Edgewood</i> ; Karen Freeman, <i>Northside ISD</i> ; Carol Harle, <i>Northside ISD</i> ; Dan Villarreal, <i>Northeast ISD</i> ; Joseph Trevino, <i>Northeast ISD</i> ; Sandy Hughey, <i>Northeast ISD</i> ; Tony Jaso, <i>Northeast ISD</i> ; Deb Caldwell, <i>Northeast ISD</i> ; Edd White, <i>Northeast ISD</i> ; Aaron Kindel, <i>Great Hearts Forest Heights</i> ; Victoria Rico, <i>Brackenridge Foundation</i> ; Jessica Weaver, <i>Communities In Schools of San Antonio</i> ; Lloyd Verstuyft, <i>Southwest ISD</i> ; Dr. Abelardo Saavedra, <i>South San Antonio ISD</i> ; Eric Lopez, <i>A&M San Antonio</i>

1. Discussion with area superintendents regarding public school finance reform [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

State Representative Diego Bernal stated that it was essential for state and local municipalities to collaborate on funding for school districts.

David Thompson addressed local school superintendents and Committee Members with a presentation on statewide school financing. He provided an illustration on how the districts with increasing property values are so high that the tax surplus is redirected back to the State for appropriation. He stated that property taxes increased but there was no surge of funding appropriated to the schools districts. He noted that not all funds that were recaptured back to the State were dedicated to public education.

Mr. Thompson stated that public education funding continued to shrink and that there was a reliance on local funds to support public education. He noted that there were elected stated officials that had proposed property reform tax measures that impact local government entities' ability to raise revenue.

Chairperson Saldaña suggested that the school districts keep the City informed on their Legislative Agendas.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that the property tax was burdening the community and that schools districts were forced to supplement the remaining capital that the State would not fund.

Jeff Coyle stated that Governor Abbott had a recommendation that would limit local government property tax revenue growth to 2.5% annually and that it would require a majority vote for approval.

State Representative Bernal stated that the State Formula for school funding needed to change so that all the recaptured funding would be redistributed to school districts in need of the funds.

Councilmember Peláez asked of the efforts the City could take to assist in solving the problem of educational funding and of the role of the Bexar County Appraisal District in educational funding. Mr. Thompson stated that local municipalities could position the tax money to education for local school districts.

Mayor Nirenberg suggested that the group report back to the Committee on the revenue cap proposed by Governor Abbott and of the results of the proposal for school districts.

No action was required for Item 1.

2. Next Meeting Scheduled: March 19, 2018

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rey Saldaña, Chairperson

*Alicia K. Beckham
Office of the City Clerk*