



MINUTES
of the
OKLAHOMA STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE

February 6, 2026

The Oklahoma State Textbook Committee (STC) held a Regularly Scheduled meeting beginning on Friday, February 6, 2026.

Committee Chair Designee Sharon Morgan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The Committee led the Pledge of Allegiance, Salute to the Oklahoma State Flag, and observed a moment of silence.

Roll was called by Shanda Finnell.

Quorum was established by Shanda Finnell.

The committee members who were present:

Jay Rotert (Vice Chair)
Zena Lewis
Lauren Deaton
Josh Allen
Holly Helm
Terry Brandenburg
Ashley Leming
Allison Kidney
Committee Chair Designee Sharon Morgan

The committee members who were absent:

Jillian Anderson
Diann Magnus
Michael Bellew
Stefanie Wittwer

Committee Chair Designee Sharon Morgan requested confirmation of the posted agenda in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. Shanda Finnell confirmed.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion and possible action on the minutes from the November 14, 2025, meeting. Josh Allen made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2025, meeting. Holly Helm seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – Nine (9) – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, and Chair Designee Sharon Morgan. No – Zero (0). The motion passed.

Agenda Item 6: PRESENTATION (No action to be taken) Chair Designee Sharon Morgan presented certificates of appreciation to the following members completing their terms: Allison Kidney, Terry Brandenburg, Holly Helm, Jay Rotert, Diann Magnus, Michael Bellew.

Agenda Item 7: Discussion and possible action to nominate and vote on the election of a State Textbook Committee Vice-Chair for one year. 70 O.S. § 16-101; OAC 720:1-1-2(1); 720:1-1-3. Paper Ballots Cast: Nine (9) - Josh Allen; One (1) - Ashley Leming.

Allison Kidney made a motion to accept Josh Allen as the new Vice Chair. Josh Allen seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – Nine (9) – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, and Chair Designee Sharon Morgan. No – Zero (0). The motion passed.

Agenda Item 8: PRESENTATION (No action to be taken) of substitution process,Carolynn Bristow 70 O.S. § 16-107(A-B), OAC 720:10-5-6(b). Carolynn Bristow presented information regarding the substitution process pursuant to 70 O.S. § 16-107(A-B) and OAC 720:10-5-6(b). No action was taken.

Agenda Item 9: Discussion and possible action to vote on the substitution materials submitted for review. 70 O.S. § 16-107(A-B), OAC 720:10-5-6(b)

- a) Alfred Music – digital only
- b) Art of Education – digital only
- c) Bedford, Freeman & Worth Publishing Group LLC – PK-12 Social Studies, PK-12 Math, 6-12 ELA, print and digital
- d) Benchmark Education Company – print and digital.

Josh Allen made a motion to approve all a) Alfred Music, b) Art of Education, c) Bedford, Freeman & Worth, and d) Benchmark Education substitution materials. Ashley Leming seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – Nine (9) – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, and Chair Designee Sharon Morgan. No – Zero (0). The motion passed.

Agenda Item 10: PRESENTATION (No action to be taken) of instructional material rubrics for the next adoption cycle and the 2026 Content Expert Review Team application, Carolynn Bristow

Agenda Item 11: Discussion and possible action on the instructional material evaluation rubrics for: 70 O.S. § 16-102(F); OAC 720:1-1-2(10)

- a) Science
- b) Vocational Education
- c) PE
- d) Health.

Josh Allen made a motion to accept the rubrics for a) Science, b) Vocational Education, c) PE, and d) Health. Holly Helm seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – Nine (9) – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, and Chair Designee Sharon Morgan. No – Zero (0). The motion passed.

Agenda Item 12: Discussion and action on the 2026 Content Expert Review Team application. 70 O.S. § 16-102; OAC 720:1-1-2(9). Josh Allen made a motion to approve the 2026 Content Expert Review Team application. Jay Rotert seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – Nine (9) – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis,

Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, and Chair Designee Sharon Morgan. No – Zero (0). The motion passed.

Agenda Item 13: Discussion and action on Teaching Strategies re-evaluation to increase the rating from approaching to exemplifies. Holly Helm made a motion to change Teaching Strategies' existing rating from "Approaching" to "Exemplifies Quality." Allison Kidney seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – Nine (9) – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, and Chair Designee Sharon Morgan. No – Zero (0). The motion passed.

Agenda Item 14: Discussion and action on the proposed 2026-27 amended Adoption Subject Cycle Calendar for the period for which contracts are entered into for subjects identified. OAC 720:10-1-2. Josh Allen made a motion that if the Board of Education approves the Social Studies standards, the amended Adoption Subject Cycle Calendar will take effect. Allison Kidney seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – Nine (9) – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, and Chair Designee Sharon Morgan. No – Zero (0). The motion passed.

Josh Allen made a second motion that if the Board of Education does not approve the Social Studies standards, the currently approved Adoption Subject Cycle Calendar shall remain in full force and effect. Lauren Deaton seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – Nine (9) – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, and Chair Designee Sharon Morgan. No – Zero (0). The motion passed.

Agenda Item 15: Discussion and action of the proposed 2026-27 amended State Textbook Committee Calendar, which adopts a schedule of events for the next fiscal year. OAC 720:1-1-2(3) and 1.1.5. Allison Kidney made a motion that if the Board of Education approves the Social Studies standards, the amended State Textbook Committee Calendar will take effect. Ashley Leming seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – Nine (9) – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, and Chair Designee Sharon Morgan. No – Zero (0). The motion passed.

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Agenda Item 16: New Business - (not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen before the time of posting the agenda) – 25 O.S. § 311. No new business.

Agenda Item 17: Adjournment of the February 6, 2026 STC meeting. Josh Allen made a motion to adjourn at 10:37 a.m. Holly Helm seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – Nine (9) – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, and Chair Designee Sharon Morgan. No – Zero (0). The motion passed.