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All public officers, according to the **Oklahoma Constitution, Article 15, Section 1**, before entering upon the duties of their offices, shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation:

"I, . . . . . , do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, and that I will not, knowingly, receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing, for the performance or nonperformance of any act or duty pertaining to my office, other than the compensation allowed by law; I further swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge my duties as . . . . . to the best of my ability."



## Oklahoma State Textbook Committee

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## STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE (STC)

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

**Meeting Agenda: July 7 - 10, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.**

1. **Call to Order** – Roni McKee, State Textbook Chair DESIGNEE.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance, Salute to the Oklahoma State Flag, and Moment of Silence**
3. **Roll and Determination of Quorum** – Shanda Finnell, Administrative Assistant, Oklahoma State Department of Education
  - Determination of Quorum
4. **Welcome and Determination of Compliance with Open Meeting Act** – Roni McKee, State Textbook Chair DESIGNEE
  - Determine that the agenda was posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Act
5. **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and possible action on minutes from February 6, 2026, and June 5, 2026, regular meetings.
6. **PRESENTATION (No action to be taken)** – Overview of OMA rules – Jacki Phelps, General Counsel, [25 O.S. § 301-314](#).
7. **PRESENTATION (No action to be taken)** – 2026 Textbook Adoption Cycle – Publisher Bid Submission presented to STC -Carolynn Bristow, State Textbook Secretary [70 O.S. § 16-103](#) [70 O.S. § 16-104](#)
8. **PRESENTATION (No action to be taken)** – Publisher Presentations [70 O.S. § 16-103](#)
9. **ACTION ITEM:** New Business - (not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen before the time of posting the agenda) – [25 O.S. § 311](#)
10. **ACTION ITEM:** Adjournment – Roni McKee, State Textbook Chair DESIGNEE



**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.

Allison Kidney made a second motion that if the Board of Education does not approve the Social Studies standards, the currently approved State Textbook Committee Calendar shall remain in full force and 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.

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.



**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**OKLAHOMA STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE**

June 5, 2026

The Oklahoma State Textbook Committee (STC) held a Regularly Scheduled meeting beginning on Friday, June 5, 2026.

Committee Chair Lindel Fields called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

**Agenda Item 3: Roll and Determination of Quorum.**

The committee members who were present:

Zena Lewis

Lauren Deaton

Mark Stone

Amanda Meadows

Traci Richardson-McVicker

Ashley Leming

Diann Magnus

Michelle Redus

Michelle Wagner

Krystal Williams (mistakenly recorded as absent during roll call. Did not vote on Action Item 5.)

Committee Chair Lindel Fields

The committee members who were absent:

Sarah Miller

Tiffany Eustace

Roll was called, and a quorum was established by Shanda Finnell.

Agenda Item 4: **Welcome and Determination of Compliance with Open Meeting Act** – Lindel Fields, State Textbook Chair

Determine that the agenda was posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

**ACTION ITEM 5:** Discussion and possible action on the minutes from the February 6, 2026, regular meeting. The State Textbook Committee voted to approve the minutes for the February 6, 2026, meeting of the State Textbook Committee. Lauren Deaton made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2026, meeting. Zena Lewis seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – six (6) – Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Traci Richardson-McVicker, Ashley Leming, Diann Magnus, and Chair Lyndel Fields. No – zero (0). Abstained – four (4) – Mark Stone, Amanda Meadows, Michelle Redus, Michelle Wagner. Member Krystal Williams was inadvertently omitted from the vote after being mistakenly recorded as absent during roll call. The motion failed. Due to a lack of votes for approval, the minutes of the February 6, 2026, meeting will be reconsidered at the July 7, 2026, meeting of the State Textbook Committee. In the interim, Superintendent Fields requested that all committee members not present for the February 6, 2026, meeting listen to a recording of the meeting in order to have enough information to vote on the approval or denial of the February 6, 2026, meeting minutes.

Agenda Item 6: **Welcome New Members:** New appointees – Lindel Fields, Chair, 70 O.S. § 16-101; acknowledgement that all members have taken the oath of office and that oaths have been filed with the Secretary of State.

- a) Michelle Wagner – At Large
- b) Tiffany Eustace – At Large
- c) Sarah Miller – District 1
- d) Mark Stone – District 2
- e) Amanda Meadows – District 3
- f) Traci Richardson-McVicker – District 3
- g) Krystal Williams – District 4
- h) Michelle Redus – District 5

**ACTION 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.

Tabled at the beginning of the meeting for the new members to get acquainted with each other. Picked up after Action Item 13.

Paper Ballots Cast: Six (6) – Ashley Leming; three (3) – Zena Lewis; two (2) – Lauren Deaton. Lauren Deaton made a motion to nominate Ashley Leming. Zena Lewis seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – eleven (11) – Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Mark Stone, Amanda Meadows, Traci Richardson-McVicker, Ashley Leming, Diann Magnus, Michelle Redus, Michelle Wagner, Krystal Williams, and Chair Lyndel Fields. No – zero (0). The motion passed.

Agenda Item 8: **PRESENTATION (No action to be taken):** State Textbook Committee: overview and purpose presentation; Open Meeting Act: overview and ethics presentation –Carolynn Bristow, State Textbook Secretary; Kory Kile, Law Clerk 25 O.S. §§ 301 et seq.; OAC 720:1-1-5.

Agenda Item 9: **PRESENTATION (No action to be taken)** Travel reimbursement information and completion of forms – Shanda Finnell, Administrative Assistant, OSDE 70 O.S. § 16-101.

**ACTION ITEM 10:** Discuss and possible action to approve changes to two instructional materials rubrics, and to approve the addition of another rubric for the current adoption cycle – Lindel Fields, Chair 70 O.S. § 16-102(F); OAC 720:1-1-2(a)(10)

- a) Science Content Reading – New rubric
- b) Social Studies – Change gateway 4
- c) Social Studies Content Reading – Change gateway 4

Zena Lewis made a motion to approve item number 10, all 3 rubrics. Ashley Leming seconded the motion. Before the vote was finalized, it was determined that Member Krystal Williams had been inadvertently recorded as absent during roll call. The attendance record was corrected, and Ms. Williams was included in the vote on Action Item 10 and all subsequent votes. The vote was called. Yes – eleven (11) – Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Mark Stone, Amanda Meadows, Traci Richardson-McVicker, Ashley Leming, Diann Magnus, Michelle Redus, Michelle Wagner, Krystal Williams, and Chair Lyndel Fields. No – zero (0). The motion passed.

**ACTION ITEM 11:** Discussion and possible action to approve a one-year contract extension of subject areas that were moved back due to an adjustment to the current cycle: PE, Health, and Vocational Education – Lindel Fields, Chair, 70 O.S. § 16-102(B).

Ashley Leming made a motion to extend the contracts for one year. Lauren Deaton seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – eleven (11) – Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Mark Stone, Amanda Meadows, Traci Richardson-McVicker, Ashley Leming, Diann Magnus, Michelle Redus, Michelle Wagner, Krystal Williams, and Chair Lyndel Fields. No – zero (0). The motion passed.

Agenda Item 12: **PRESENTATION (No action to be taken):** presentation of justification statements from out-of-cycle publishers. 70 O.S. § 16-102(I)

- a) PFL – PFL Academy grades 9-12
- b) Early Childhood Education / SPED – Jigsaw Learning dba Teach Town

**ACTION ITEM 13:** Discussion and possible action to approve the justification statements from the out-of-cycle publishers, which will allow the publishers to continue in the review cycle. 70 O.S. § 16-102(I).

Lyndel suggested handling these in two (2) separate motions.

Ashley Leming made a motion to accept the justification statement for PFL Academy to proceed in the current review cycle as an out-of-cycle subject. Lauren Deaton seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – ten (10) – Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Mark Stone, Amanda Meadows, Traci Richardson-McVicker, Ashley Leming, Michelle Redus, Michelle Wagner, Krystal Williams, and Chair Lyndel Fields. No – zero (0). Abstained – one (1) Diann Magnus. The motion passed.

Lauren Deaton made a motion to accept the justification statement for Teach Town to proceed in the current review cycle as an out-of-cycle subject. Michelle Redus seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – eleven (11) – Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Mark Stone, Amanda Meadows, Traci Richardson-McVicker, Ashley Leming, Diann Magnus, Michelle Redus, Michelle Wagner, Krystal Williams, and Chair Lyndel Fields. No – zero (0). The motion passed.

**ACTION ITEM 14:** New Business – (not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen before the time of the posting of the agenda) – [25 O.S. § 311](#)

No New Business.

**ACTION ITEM 15:** Adjournment – Lindel Fields, State Textbook Chair

Diann Magnus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Stone seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – eleven (11) – Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Mark Stone, Amanda Meadows, Traci Richardson-McVicker, Ashley Leming, Diann Magnus, Michelle Redus, Michelle Wagner, Krystal Williams, and Chair Lyndel Fields. No – zero (0). The motion passed.



# High-Quality Instructional Material Bids 2026

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*Publishers submit sealed bids, which the State Textbook Committee and content review team evaluate and select books based on quality and price. Publishers must offer Oklahoma the lowest price given anywhere in the U.S. within the past six months and report any price reductions. [70 O.S. § 16-104](#)*

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## List of Publishers by Subject Area

### Social Studies

- American Book Company
- Apple Corps Publishers Inc, dba Oklahoma History Press
- Apple Corps Publishers (ACP)
- Cengage Learning, Inc.
- Gallopade International, dba Gallopade
- Gibbs M. Smith, Inc., dba Gibbs Smith Education
- Imagine Learning LLC
- Macmillan Holdings, dba Bedford, Freeman & Worth Publishing Group LLC
- McGraw Hill LLC
- Nucleus Robotics, LLC, dba Nucleus Courses
- Pearson Education, Inc.
- Studies Weekly, Inc.
- Social Studies School Service
- University of Nebraska Press / Janda and Loughlin
- W.W. Norton & Co. Inc.

### Science

- American Book Company
- Amplify Education, Inc.
- Accelerate Learning Inc.
- BIOZONE Corporation
- Carolina Biological Supply Company
- Cengage Learning, Inc.
- Curriculum Associates, LLC
- HMH Education Company
- Imagine Learning LLC, dba Twig Education Inc.
- Lab-Aids, Inc.
- Macmillan Holdings, dba Bedford, Freeman & Worth Publishing Group LLC
- McGraw Hill LLC

- Myriad Sensors INC, dba Pocket Lab
- PASCO Scientific
- Pearson Education, Inc.
- SASC, LLC, dba Activate Learning
- Savvas Learning Company
- School Specialty, LLC.
- Studies Weekly, Inc.
- This is Language Ltd, dba This is School
- W.W. Norton & Co. Inc.

### **Out-Of-Cycle**

- Jigsaw Learning DBA Teach Town – Special Education / Early Childhood
- PFL Academy – Personal Financial Literacy

# Publisher Presentation Schedule

## Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Time	Publishing Company	Subject
8:30 – 9:25	Opening Meeting	
9:30 – 10:10	Jigsaw Learning – Teach Town / SPED OOC	Out of Cycle
10:15 – 10:55	Accelerate Learning	Science
11:00 – 11:40	Amplify	Science
11:45 – 12:35	LUNCH BREAK	
12:40 – 1:20	Activate Learning	Science
1:25 – 2:05	Biozone	Science
2:10 – 2:50	Carolina Biological Supply	Science
2:55 – 3:35	Curriculum Associates	Science

## Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Time	Publishing Company	Subject
8:30 – 8:40	Arrival / Breakfast	
8:45 – 9:25	HMH	Science
9:30 – 10:10	Lab Aids	Science
10:15 – 10:55	Myriad Sensors	Science
11:00 – 11:40	Pasco Scientific	Science
11:45 – 12:35	LUNCH BREAK	
12:40 – 1:20	This is Language Ltd dba This is School	Science
1:25 – 2:05	SAAVAS	Science
2:10 – 2:50	School Specialty LLC	Science
2:55 – 3:35	American Book Company	Both

## Thursday, July 9, 2026

Time	Publishing Company	Subject
8:30 – 8:40	Arrival / Breakfast	
8:45 – 9:25	BFW	Both
9:30 – 10:10	Cengage	Both
10:15 – 10:55	Imagine	Both
11:00 – 11:40	McGraw-Hill	Both
11:45 – 12:35	LUNCH BREAK	
12:40 – 1:20	Pearson	Both
1:25 – 2:05	Studies Weekly	Both
2:10 – 2:50	W.W. Norton	Both
2:55 – 3:35	Apple Corps Publishers / Oklahoma History	Social Studies

# Publisher Presentation Schedule

Friday, July 10, 2026

Time	Publishing Company	Subject
8:30 – 8:40	Arrival / Breakfast	
8:45 – 9:25	Gallopade	Social Studies
9:30 – 10:10	Gibbs Smith Education	Social Studies
10:15 – 10:55	Nucleus	Social Studies
11:00 – 11:40	University of Nebraska / Janda & Loughlin	Social Studies
11:45 – 12:35	LUNCH BREAK	
12:40 – 1:20	Social Studies School Service	Social Studies
1:25 – 2:05	PFL Academy / PFL OOC	Out of Cycle
2:10 – 2:50	Wrap Up / Closing Meeting	
2:55 – 3:35		

# Publisher Presentations

## Note Sheet & Considerations

Publisher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Alignment to Oklahoma Academic Standards

#### Considerations:

- Clear and complete alignment to standards
- Alignment is easy to identify

### 2. Instructional Design & Usability

#### Considerations:

- Easy to navigate and implement
- Pacing/planning supports are clear

### 3. Support for All Learners

#### Considerations:

- Supports for struggling learners
- Built-in scaffolds

### 4. Assessment & Progress Monitoring

#### Considerations:

- Includes formative and summative assessments
- Data is easy to access and use

### 5. Digital & Print Materials

#### Considerations:

- Print and digital are aligned
- Differences add value

### 6. Teacher Support & Professional Learning

#### Considerations:

- Clear implementation guidance
- Training/support provided

### 7. Implementation & Logistics

#### Considerations:

- Realistic for classroom use
- Materials are accessible

### Overall Reflection

#### Strengths:

#### Considerations:

#### Key Takeaway: