



MINUTES
of the
OKLAHOMA STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE

November 14, 2025

The Oklahoma State Textbook Committee (STC) held a Regularly Scheduled meeting beginning on Friday, November 14, 2025.

Committee Chair designee Sharron Morgan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll was called by Shanda Finnell.

Quorum was established by Shanda Finnell.

The committee members who were present:

Jay Rotert

Zena Lewis

Lauren Deaton

Josh Allen

Jillian Anderson

Holly Helm

Terry Brandenburg

Ashley Leming

Allison Kidney

Michael Bellew

Stefanie Wittwer

Committee Chair designee Sharon Morgan

The committee members who were absent:

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

The next item on the agenda was discussion and possible action on the minutes for the July 15 – July 17, 2025, meeting. Josh Allen made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 15-17, 2025, meeting. Jay Rotert seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – 12 – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Jillian Anderson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, Michael Bellew, Stefanie Wittwer, and Chair designee Sharon Morgan. No – 0. The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was discussion and possible action regarding suspension of the current Social Studies subject adoption cycle in light of the Oklahoma Supreme Court's temporary stay on the 2025 Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies, as issued on September 15, 2025. 70 O.S. §16-102 B. Allison Kidney made a motion to suspend the current Social Studies cycle. Holly Helm seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – 12 – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Jillian Anderson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, Michael Bellew, Stefanie Wittwer, and Chair designee Sharon Morgan. No – 0. The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was discussion and action on the extension of the previous Social Studies subject adoption cycle contracts for one (1) year. 70 O.S. §16-102 B. Josh Allen made a motion to extend the current Social Studies Contracts for one (1) year. Allison Kidney seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – 12 – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Jillian Anderson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, Michael Bellew, Stefanie Wittwer, and Chair designee Sharon Morgan. No – 0. The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion and action verifying that the review process has been conducted in a scrupulous and fair manner. OAC 720:1-1-2(11). Holly Helm made a motion that the review process was conducted in a fair and scrupulous manner. Ashley Leming seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – 12 – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Jillian Anderson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, Michael Bellew, Stefanie Wittwer, and Chair designee Sharon Morgan. No – 0. The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was discussion and action on bids for state adoption in the subject area of Personal Financial Literacy and out-of-cycle Computer Science.

- Careful examination of all books submitted for adoption
- Select textbooks in each subject area called for in the adoption
- Adopt a final rating for each textbook before including it on the textbook-approved list. 70 O.S. 16-102; 16-104 OAC 720:1-1-2(4, 5, 12).

a. Personal Financial Literacy

- i. Cengage
- ii. CEV Multimedia
- iii. Decker Associates
- iv. eDynamic Learning
- v. Goodheart Willcox
- vi. McGraw-Hill
- vii. Nucleus
- viii. Pearson
- ix. Ramsey

b. Out-of-Cycle Computer Science

- i. Pearson – Computer Science
- ii. Pearson – Web Design

Josh Allen made a motion to approve Cengage, CEV, eDynamic, Goodheart, McGraw, Nucleus, and Pearson in the area of Personal Financial Literacy, and pull out both Ramsey and Decker and Associates for individual consideration. Jillian Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – 11 – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Jillian Anderson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, Stefanie Wittwer, and Chair designee Sharon Morgan. No – 0. Abstained – 1 – Michael Bellew. The motion passed.

Jay Rotert made a motion to approve Decker and Associates with a rating of Approaching Quality. Holly Helm seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – 10 – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Jillian Anderson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, and Chair designee Sharon Morgan. No – 2 – Michael Bellew, Stefanie Wittwer. The motion passed.

Jay Rotert made a motion to accept the rating of Approaching Quality for Ramsey Education. Allison Kidney seconded the motion. Yes – 11 – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Jillian Anderson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, Michael Bellew, Stefanie Wittwer, and Chair designee Sharon Morgan. No – 0. Abstained – 1 – Josh Allen. The motion passed.

Allison Kidney made a motion to accept the Out-of-Cycle Computer Science, both Pearson Computer Science and Computer Web Design to accept these. Stefanie Wittwer seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – 12 – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Jillian Anderson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, Michael Bellew, Stefanie Wittwer, and Chair designee Sharon Morgan. No – 0. The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was discussion and action to re-evaluate Teaching Strategies from the 2024 adoption cycle. Josh Allen made a motion to send Teaching Strategies for reevaluation. Jillian Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – 7 – Jay Rotert, Josh Allen, Jillian Anderson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Michael Bellew. No – 4 – Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Ashley Leming, Stefanie Wittwer. Abstained – 1 – Chair designee Sharon Morgan. The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was discussion and action on the proposed 2026-27 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 to approve the Subject Cycle Calendar with knowledge it may need to be changed in the future, depending on the outcome of the Social Studies cycle. Lauren Deaton seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – 12 – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Jillian Anderson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, Michael Bellew, Stefanie Wittwer, and Chair designee Sharon Morgan. No – 0. The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was discussion and action of the proposed 2026-27 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. Josh Allen made a motion to accept the 2026-27 State Textbook Committee Calendar as presented. Stefanie Wittwer seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – 12 – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Jillian Anderson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, Michael Bellew, Stefanie Wittwer, and Chair designee Sharon Morgan. No – 0. The motion passed.

The final item on the agenda was adjournment of the November 14, 2025 STC meeting. Jay Rotert made a motion to adjourn at 11:01 a.m. Allison Kidney seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – 12 – Jay Rotert, Zena Lewis, Lauren Deaton, Josh Allen, Jillian Anderson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Ashley Leming, Allison Kidney, Michael Bellew, Stefanie Wittwer, and Chair designee Sharon Morgan. No – 0. The motion passed.