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STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE (STC)

Oklahoma State Department of Education; Oliver Hodge Building
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard; Board Room
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105
Meeting Agenda: October 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order** – Dr. 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** – Dr. 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 July 2026 regular meeting.
6. **PRESENTATION (No action to be taken) –** Public hearing on textbooks under consideration. 70 O.S. § 16-102.1 OAC 720:10-5-2
7. **PRESENTATION (No action to be taken)** – Publisher's response to public comment 70 O.S. § 16-102.1 OAC 720:10-5-2
8. **PRESENTATION (No action to be taken) –** Overview of Oklahoma Administrative Code pertaining to the State Textbook Committee – Legal, Kory Kile
9. **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and possible action to approve or disapprove amending and transferring the rules of the State Textbook Committee, found at Title 720 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code, to the State Board of Education, found at Title 210 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code.
10. **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
11. **ACTION ITEM:** Adjournment – Dr. Roni McKee, State Textbook Chair DESIGNEE

MINUTES

of the

OKLAHOMA STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE

July 7-10, 2026

The Oklahoma State Textbook Committee (STC) held its Regularly Scheduled Open and Consider Bids/Publisher Presentation Tuesday-Friday meetings from Tuesday, July 7, 2026, through July 10, 2026.

Committee Chair Designee Roni McKee called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The Committee Chair Designee 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
Sarah Miller
Lauren Deaton
Mark Stone
Amanda Meadows
Traci Richardson-McVicker
Diann Magnus
Michelle Redus
Michelle Wagner
Krystal Williams
Committee Chair Designee Roni McKee

The committee members who were absent:

Ashley Leming

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

Agenda Item 4: **Welcome and Determination of Compliance with Open Meeting Act** – Roni McKee, State Textbook Chair Designee

Compliance with the Open Meeting Act was confirmed by Shanda Finnell.

ACTION ITEM 5: Discussion and possible action on the minutes from the February 6, 2026, and June 5, 2026, regular meetings.

Zena Lewis made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 6 and June 5, 2026, regular meetings, with an amendment to correct the spelling of Superintendent Fields' name in the June 5, 2026, minutes. Michelle Wagner seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – eleven (11) – Zena Lewis, Sarah Miller, Lauren Deaton, Mark Stone, Amanda Meadows, Traci Richardson-McVicker, Diann Magnus, Michelle Redus, Michelle Wagner, Krystal Williams, and Chair Designee Roni McKee. No – zero (0). The motion passed.

Agenda Item 6: **PRESENTATION (No action to be taken) –** Overview of OMA rules – Jacki Phelps, General Counsel, 25 O.S. § 301-314.

Agenda Item 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.

Agenda Item 8: **PRESENTATION (No action to be taken)** – Publisher Presentations 70 O.S. § 16-103

Recess for Publisher Presentations:

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 – Publisher Schedule

9:30 a.m. – Jigsaw Learning – Teach Town / Sped OOC
10:15 a.m. – Accelerate Learning
11:00 a.m. – Amplify
11:45 a.m. – Lunch
12:40 p.m. – Activate Learning
1:25 p.m. – Biozone
2:10 p.m. – Carolina Biological Supply
2:55 p.m. – Curriculum Associates

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 – Recess

Committee Chair Designee Roni McKee entertained a motion to recess for the day's presentations and reconvene on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Diann Magnus made a motion to recess for the day and reconvene Wednesday, July 8, at 8:30 a.m. Michelle Redus seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – eleven (11) – Zena Lewis, Sarah Miller, Lauren Deaton, Mark Stone, Amanda Meadows, Traci Richardson-McVicker, Diann Magnus, Michelle Redus, Michelle Wagner, Krystal Williams, and Chair Designee Roni McKee. No – zero (0). The motion passed.

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Committee Chair Designee Roni McKee called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll and Determination of Quorum:

The committee members who were present:

Zena Lewis

Sarah Miller

Lauren Deaton

Mark Stone

Amanda Meadows

Traci Richardson-McVicker (arrived 8:38 a.m.)

Diann Magnus (arrived 8:39 a.m.)

Michelle Redus

Michelle Wagner (arrived 8:32 a.m.)

Krystal Williams

Committee Chair Designee Roni McKee

The committee members who were absent:

Ashley Leming

Agenda Item 8 Continued: **PRESENTATION (No action to be taken)** – Publisher Presentations 70 O.S. § 16-103

Zena Lewis made a motion to recess for the Publisher Presentations. Michelle Redus seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – eight (8) – Zena Lewis, Sarah Miller, Lauren Deaton, Mark Stone, Amanda Meadows, Michelle Redus, Krystal Williams, and Chair Designee Roni McKee. No – zero (0). The motion passed. Members who came in late were not present for the vote: Traci Richardson-McVicker, Diann Magnus, Michelle Wagner.

Recess for Publisher Presentations:

Wednesday, July 8, 2026 – Publisher Schedule

8:45 a.m. – HMH
9:30 a.m. – Lab Aids
10:45 a.m. – Myriad Sensors
11:00 a.m. – Pasco Scientific
11:45 a.m. – LUNCH
12:40 p.m. – This is School
1:25 p.m. – Savvas
2:10 p.m. – School Specialty LLC
2:55 p.m. – American Book Company

Wednesday, July 8, 2026 – Recess

Committee Chair Designee Roni McKee entertained a motion to recess for the day's presentations and reconvene on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Michelle Redus made a motion to recess for the day and reconvene Thursday, July 9, at 8:30 a.m. Krystal Williams seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – eleven (11) – Zena Lewis, Sarah Miller, Lauren Deaton, Mark Stone, Amanda Meadows, Traci Richardson-McVicker, Diann Magnus, Michelle Redus, Michelle Wagner, Krystal Williams, and Chair Designee Roni McKee. No – zero (0). The motion passed.

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Committee Chair Designee Roni McKee called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll and Determination of Quorum:

The committee members who were present:

Zena Lewis
Sarah Miller
Lauren Deaton
Mark Stone
Amanda Meadows
Traci Richardson-McVicker
Diann Magnus (arrived 8:35 a.m.)
Michelle Redus
Krystal Williams
Committee Chair Designee Roni McKee

The committee members who were absent:

Ashley Leming
Michelle Wagner

Agenda Item 8 Continued: **PRESENTATION (No action to be taken)** – Publisher Presentations 70 O.S. § 16-103

Mark Stone made a motion to recess for the Publisher Presentations. Michelle Redus seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – nine (9) – Zena Lewis, Sarah Miller, Lauren Deaton, Mark Stone, Amanda Meadows, Traci Richardson-McVicker, Michelle Redus, Krystal Williams, and Chair Designee Roni McKee. No – zero (0). The motion passed. Diann Magnus arrived after the vote and was not present for the vote.

Recess for Publisher Presentations:

Thursday, July 9, 2026 – Publisher Schedule

8:45 a.m. – BFW
9:30 a.m. – Cengage
10:45 a.m. – Imagine Learning
11:00 a.m. – McGraw Hill
11:45 a.m. – LUNCH
12:40 p.m. – Pearson
1:25 p.m. – Studies Weekly
2:10 p.m. – WW Norton
2:55 p.m. – Apple Corps Publishers/Oklahoma History Press

Thursday, July 9, 2026 – Recess

Committee Chair Designee Roni McKee entertained a motion to recess for the day's presentations and reconvene on Friday, July 10, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Diann Magnus made a motion to recess for the day and reconvene Friday, July 10, at 8:30 a.m. Michelle Redus seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – ten (10) – Zena Lewis, Sarah Miller, Lauren Deaton, Mark Stone, Amanda Meadows, Traci Richardson-McVicker, Diann Magnus, Michelle Redus, Krystal Williams, and Chair Designee Roni McKee. No – zero (0). The motion passed.

Friday, July 10, 2026

Committee Chair Designee Roni McKee called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll and Determination of Quorum:

The committee members who were present:

Zena Lewis
Sarah Miller
Lauren Deaton
Mark Stone
Amanda Meadows
Traci Richardson-McVicker
Diann Magnus
Michelle Redus
Krystal Williams
Committee Chair Designee Roni McKee

The committee members who were absent:

Ashley Leming
Michelle Wagner

Agenda Item 8 Continued: **PRESENTATION (No action to be taken)** – Publisher Presentations 70 O.S. § 16-103

Zena Lewis made a motion to recess for the Publisher Presentations. Krystal Williams seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – ten (10) – Zena Lewis, Sarah Miller, Lauren Deaton, Mark Stone, Amanda Meadows, Traci Richardson-McVicker, Diann Magnus, Michelle Redus, Krystal Williams, and Chair Designee Roni McKee. No – zero (0). The motion passed.

Recess for Publisher Presentations:

Friday, July 10, 2026 – Publisher Schedule
8:45 a.m. – Gallopade
9:30 a.m. – Gibbs Smith Education
10:15 a.m. – Nucleus
11:00 a.m. – University of Nebraska/Janda & Loughlin
11:45 a.m. – LUNCH
12:40 p.m. – Social Studies School Service
1:25 p.m. – PFL Academy / PFL OOC

Committee Chair Designee Roni McKee reconvened the State Textbook Committee to proceed with the remaining agenda items.

ACTION ITEM 9: 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

ACTION ITEM 10: Adjournment – Roni McKee, State Textbook Chair Designee

Committee Chair Designee Roni McKee entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Diann Magnus made a motion to adjourn. Michelle Redus seconded the motion. The vote was called. Yes – ten (10) – Zena Lewis, Sarah Miller, Lauren Deaton, Mark Stone, Amanda Meadows, Traci Richardson-McVicker, Diann Magnus, Michelle Redus, Krystal Williams, and Chair Designee Roni McKee. No – zero (0). The motion passed.

Public Hearing Comments - 2026

State Textbook Committee Public Hearing – Summary

- The State Textbook Committee holds a public hearing during the first two weeks of October each year to hear public comments about textbooks, learning systems, or related materials being considered for adoption in Oklahoma.
- To speak at the hearing, a person must notify the Secretary of the State Textbook Committee in writing by the deadlines in the adoption schedule.
- The notice must be accompanied by a typed summary detailing the nature of the testimony which will be presented at the public hearing. All testimony shall pertain to a specific textbook or textbooks for which the State Textbook Committee has received bids.
- Publishers are expected to prepare a typed response to comments and will be given equal time to present their response immediately after comments about their materials.
- The Committee may limit:
    - The number of speakers from any organization
    - The amount of time each person can speak
- Additional hearings may be held at the Committee's discretion.
- The hearing date is set when bids for textbooks are advertised.

Oklahoma Statute - 70 O.S. §16-102.1

Speaker – Jordan Hill

The era of "learn from a textbook" in science is long gone. Students cannot learn this way, teachers do not want to teach this way. Despite the "online resources" that a textbook/publisher might provide, if it does not provide hands-on experiences consistently for students, it is a waste of the allocated money. Curriculum should be interactive AND provide the materials for activities.

Too many curriculums provide one or the other. We can choose to purchase a bunch of materials for activities that doesn't have strong curriculum to begin with, or we have a textbook that provides the minimal and unengaging activities.

If we want our state to rise from the bottom, we have to show the citizens, and students, that we care about rising them above ourselves. Just because that is how you learned does not mean it is the right way OR the best way. You need to be better than fine, Oklahoma.

Speaker – Stephanie Dodd

OpenSciEd is a helpful Science curriculum. It encompasses strategies for classroom management and a pathway to teach in an inquiry-based and standard based style.

Speaker – Brandi Criminger

OpenSciEd is a high quality instructional resource. I've been using it for 6 years as an educator and have seen great growth in my students and our school using this curriculum. It has built in accommodations for multi-lingual learners, special education needs as well. In this curriculum

the students are highly engaged, as they feel they are leading the learning and "coming up with" the ideas. By the end of the unit most of their questions about the phenomenon at the beginning are answered and it is easy to see how much learning takes place over the course of a unit. In addition, we have ordered the Carolina supply kits and have found them to be quality materials that work for the investigations in the way that they are intended. You would be remiss to choose a curriculum that was not OpenSciEd.

Publisher Response – Carolina Biological Supply Company

Carolina Biological would like to thank Ms. Brandi Criminger for her thoughtful comments and for sharing her experience using OpenSciEd in the classroom. We are grateful to hear how the program has supported student engagement, accommodated diverse learners, and helped students build deep understanding of scientific phenomena through active sensemaking. We also appreciate her positive feedback regarding Carolina's instructional materials kits and their role in supporting successful hands-on investigations.

As a proud Certified Partner of OpenSciEd, Carolina offers more than access to high-quality instructional materials. While all OpenSciEd-based programs share a common instructional foundation, Carolina's Certified Version is uniquely designed to reduce implementation challenges and ensure that every investigation, phenomenon, and student learning experience can be brought to life as intended. By integrating curriculum, materials, teacher supports, and professional learning into a cohesive solution, Carolina helps districts move beyond adoption to sustained classroom impact.

Ms. Criminger's experience highlights an important distinction: successful science instruction requires more than curriculum alone. Carolina's Certified Version provides districts with a complete, classroom-ready solution that combines the power of OpenSciEd with Carolina's decades of expertise in science education, hands-on learning, and implementation support, helping educators focus less on logistics and more on student learning.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this public comment and for your consideration of Carolina's Certified OpenSciEd Version.

Sincerely,

Carolina Biological Supply Company