



MINUTES
of the
OKLAHOMA STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE

October 6, 2023

The Oklahoma State Textbook Committee (STC) held a Public Hearing meeting beginning on October 6, 2023.

Committee Chair designee Kendra Wesson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Shanda Finnell then called the roll.

The committee members that were present:

Kathryn Szallar

Jay Rotert

Jessica Thompson

Sonya Covalt

Terry Brandenburg

Allison Kidney

Teresa Gerber

Melissa Pearce

Committee Chair designee Kendra Wesson

The committee members that were absent:

Kathryn Yarbrough

Holly Helm

General Counsel confirmed quorum.

Committee Chair designee Kendra Wesson requested confirmation of posted agenda in compliance with Open Meeting Act. Shanda Finnell confirmed.

The next item on the agenda was discussion and possible action on the minutes for the July 18 – July 20, 2023 meeting. Allison Kidney wanted to clarify she was there for the afternoon portion of the meeting. Was determined to table July minutes until next meeting for addition of daily roll calls to be added.

The next item on the agenda was discussion and possible action on World Languages content review. Kathryn Szallar made a motion to have Cambridge bid in 2024 textbook cycle with the expected product enhancement in 2024. Cambridge will be eligible for out-of-cycle meeting “unique or unusual circumstances. Sonya Covalt seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 9 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Jessica Thompson, Sonya Covalt, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, and Chair designee Kendra Wesson. No – 0 – The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was discussion and action on Length of time speakers can speak. Jay Rotert made a motion for a duration of four (4) minutes. Allison Kidney seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 9 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Jessica Thompson, Sonya Covalt, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, and Chair designee Kendra Wesson. No – 0 – The motion passed.

Next item on the agenda was Public Hearing.

First comment was from New View about accessibility for all. Responses were read either by Angela Kwok or a publisher representative if present.

Second comment was from Moms for Liberty Tulsa about SEL Social Emotional Learning. Response was read by McGraw Hill representative.

The last item on the agenda was adjournment of the October 6, 2023, Public Hearing State Textbook Committee meeting. Jay Rotert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. Teresa Gerber seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 9 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Jessica Thompson, Sonya Covalt, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, and Chair designee Kendra Wesson. No – 0 – The motion passed.