# State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission June 11, 2019

10:00 A.M. CST

Cordell Hull, House Hearing Room IV

Meeting Minutes

The textbook commission held a workshop from 10:04a.m. until 10:33a.m. to discuss the items on the meeting agenda, and to answer any questions the commission had prior to the meeting. Neel Durbin called the meeting to order at 10:40a.m.

Roll Call

Present Commission Members

Neel Durbin, Chairman

Dr. Elizabeth Alves, designee for Dr. Penny Schwinn, Secretary

Michele Bowman

Frank Cagle

Karen Clark

Dean Mills

Greg Clark

The quorum requirement was met for the meeting.

Consent Items (Voice Vote)

1. Adoption of Agenda

Frank Cagle motioned for the meeting agenda to be adopted. The commission took a voice vote, and the agenda as it was presented, was approved.

1. October 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Greg Clark motioned for the October 10, 2018 meeting minutes to be approved. The commission took a voice vote, and the minutes were approved.

Action Items (Roll Call Vote)

1. Election of 2019 Vice-Chairman

Michele Bowman was nominated by Frank Cagle.

Karen Clark was nominated by Michele Bowman.

The votes were as follows:

Mr. Frank Cagle: *Michele Bowman*

Ms. Michele Bowman: *Karen Clark*

Mr. Dean Mills: *Karen Clark*

Mr. Neel Durbin, Chairman: *Michele Bowman*

Ms. Karen Clark: *Michele Bowman*

Dr. Elizabeth Alves, Secretary: *Michele Bowman*

Mr. Greg Clark: *Michele Bowman*

Michele Bowman received the majority of the votes, and is now the 2019 Vice-Chairman.

Change in Textbook Adoption Cycle Proposal

Lacey Noel, Director of Content, presented the proposal to the commission.

The commission was presented with a proposal by the department to change the textbook adoption cycle, which would result in a two-year delay for Math. In the current textbook adoption cycle, English Language Arts and Math adoption years occur back-to-back, resulting in districts needing to make major textbook purchases two years in a row. The current cycle does not provide adequate time for elementary teachers to learn and implement new textbooks and instructional materials in ELA before having to learn and implement new materials in Math. Finally, due to the off-cycle adoption of the Tennessee academic standards in 2016, the current cycle of standards revisions for Math would occur after new materials have been adopted and purchased during the 2021-22 cycle. This would create misalignment between any newly adopted standards and the textbooks and instructional materials adopted by districts.

Frank Cagle, asked if the commission could have a publisher that was present speak to if they saw any issues with this proposal. Phil Hester from Pearson Education, volunteered to speak and was recognized by the Chairman.

Phil Hester stated that his team supports and agrees with the department that the cycle change is needed, and that it would allow districts time to purchase and implement new materials. His concern with the change was that the subscriptions currently on contract could not be extended, and districts would need to purchase new subscriptions for materials currently on contract while the delay is occurring.

Neel Durbin stated that the commission needed to be student-centered, and that the department would need a plan to communicate to the districts this change so that they could prepare their budgets for the future adoptions.

Michele Bowman motioned for the approval of the textbook adoption cycle proposal. The votes went as follows:

Mr. Frank Cagle: *yes*

Ms. Michele Bowman, Vice-Chairman: *yes*

Mr. Dean Mills: *yes*

Mr. Neel Durbin, Chairman: *yes*

Ms. Karen Clark: *yes*

Dr. Elizabeth Alves, Secretary: *yes*

Mr. Greg Clark: *yes*

The commission approved the motion.

Neel Durbin asked what the next steps were now that this was approved. Lauren Bardwell, Executive Director, explained that there is a plan to communicate with the State Board of Education after the conclusion of the meeting, and the department will communicate to districts about updates on the changes and impacts they will have on current textbook contracts.

Notices

Lacey Noel, Director of Content, presented the following notices to the commission:

1. Acknowledgement of section E bids
2. Adjustments to scoring protocol
3. Emergency substitutions update
4. Great Minds pricing notice

Announcements

The commission was presented with four options for their two fall meeting dates:

September 24th

October 22nd

Secondary Dates:

September 25th

October 23rd

The commission will confirm the meeting dates once a space can be reserved.

Other Business

Neel Durbin thanked Lauren Bardwell for her work with the department and the commission. He wished her well on her departure from the department.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03a.m.