

Tennessee State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission

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Textbook and Instructional Materials Advisory Panel

The Background:

T.C.A. § 49-6-2201(n)(1) states that the State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission, through its chair, may recruit and appoint an advisory panel of expert teachers and other experts in each subject area or grade level to advise the commission on textbook and instructional material selections. State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission Rule 0520-5-1-.09 states that the Chair will present the list of members of the advisory panel to the Commission.

Beginning in Dec. 2014, educators and subject matter experts had the opportunity to apply to serve on the advisory panel for Section A of the Textbook Adoption Cycle, Advanced Manufacturing, Information Technology, Human Services, and Education & Training. The application process consisted of three components:

- The applicants completed a Letter of Intent which required examples of student growth, applicant interest level, and the applicant's process for choosing instructional resources;
- An applicant practice exercise which required applicants to create an original student task aligned to the applicant's career cluster. Tasks had to be aligned to a current Tennessee state standard in a career and technical education (CTE) course in addition to the Tennessee state standards for English language arts and literacy in technical subjects; practice exercises could span multiple days of instruction over more than one lesson plan; and
- All applicants were required to submit two letters of recommendation, one from a peer and the other from an administrator and/or CTE director.

On Feb. 11, 2015, applications were reviewed by a committee composed of representatives from the Career Technical Education Division, Curriculum and Instruction Division, State Board of Education, and State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission. This committee reviewed a total of 29 applicants who completed the entire application process. Of these 29 applicants, 15 were selected by the Chairman of the State Textbook Commission to serve as advisory panelists for Section A, in the areas of Advanced Manufacturing, Human Services, Education and Training

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Section A - 2014-16

Applicant	Cluster (*Denotes Middle School)	County
Beck, Lauren	IT	Metro-Nashville
Darnell, Emily	Human Services*	Hamblen
Frazier, Amanda	IT*	Hamblen
Manis, Emily	Human Services	Cocke
McPeters, Marta	Human Services	Fentress
Meadows, Shelley	Human Services	Sumner
Mosley, Matt	IT	Knox
Ottinger, Chris	Adv Manufacturing	Knox
Phifer, Sara	Educ & Training*	Jackson-Madison
Rawls, Mandy	Educ & Training	Putnam
Rudd, Walter	IT	Hamblen
Schrader, Laura	Educ & Training	Jefferson
Uhiren, Crystal	Human Services	Arlington Community
Watson, Jay	IT and Stem	Putnam
Whaley, Heather	Human Services	Higher Ed