# Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission Emergency Substitution Reconsideration

Friday, May 31, 2019

Commission Members

Neel Durbin, Chairman

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

Michele Bowman

Karen Clark

Frank Cagle

Purpose

The Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission (“Commission”) was unable to conduct an in-person meeting this spring due to unexpectedly not having enough members to have a quorum. The existing Commission members as of May 18, 2019 therefore approved invoking Policy 3.100 on Emergency Substitution to review EMC’s substitution request for Que chevere! Levels 1-3 Spanish. The review resulted in a split vote, failing to achieve a majority vote to approve by existing Commission members; therefore, the request was denied.

On Friday, May 24, 2019, EMC Publishing submitted a request for reconsideration to the Commission. The existing Commission membership as of May 31, 2019 reviewed the request for reconsideration and the supporting documents provided by EMC, and re-voted on the substitution request.

Substitution Rule Consideration

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| **Publisher** | EMC |
| **Title of Textbook** | *Que chevere!* Levels 1-3 (Spanish) |
| **Grade Level** | 9-12 |
| **Publisher Substitution Request** | 2nd edition 2020 levels 1-3 for 1st edition 2016 levels 1-3 |
| **Background** | This suite of three titles was approved for section D during the formal review. The new editions were not developed until after the formal review process concluded. The publisher did not indicate at the September meeting that they planned to substitute these titles. |
| **TDOE Staff Recommendation** | “Although I do not think this publisher should be allowed to substitute a book this close to the adoption cycle, I do not see any issues with the texts. The texts align to the 5 C’s (Communication, Culture, Communities, Connections, and Comparisons) and appear to be rigorous in nature.” |

The results for the title *Que chevere!* Levels 1-3 (Spanish) submitted by EMC are as follows:

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| *Que chevere!* Levels 1-3 (Spanish) | |
| Neel Durbin, Chairman | Yes |
| Dr. Elizabeth Alves, Secretary, designee of Dr. Penny Schwinn | Yes |
| Michele Bowman | Yes |
| Karen Clark | Yes |
| Frank Cagle | Yes |

The substitution reconsideration was approved.