

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE
2025-2026 STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE
FOR SOCIAL STUDIES GRADES K-12**

WHEREAS, the *Code of Alabama* 1975, §16-36-60, provides for the appointment of a State Textbook Committee; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that four elementary teachers and four high school teachers are to be selected to serve on the State Textbook Committee and are to come from each of the eight State Board of Education districts of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that four people who shall be teachers, principals, supervisors, or superintendents are to be selected from the state-at-large; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that two members of said State Textbook Committee are to be selected from the institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that the fourteen people on the attached list are to be nominated to the Alabama State Board of Education by the State Superintendent of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the people on the attached list are hereby appointed to the 2025-2026 State Social Studies Textbook Committee for a term beginning April 22, 2025, and ending on April 22, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board recognizes that said law provides that the Governor of Alabama is to appoint nine people not in the field of education to serve on this State Textbook Committee and welcomes them to full membership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That State Superintendent of Education Eric G. Mackey is hereby authorized to fill any vacancy that may occur on this State Textbook Committee until the next meeting of this Alabama State Board of Education after such vacancy occurs and same to be added as ad interim business.

Done on this 10th day of April 2025

2025-2026 SOCIAL STUDIES STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE

TERM: APRIL 22, 2025 – APRIL 22, 2026

ALABAMA STATE BOARD DISTRICT

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|------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|
| I | Karen Witherington | Elementary | Baldwin County |
| II | Jamie Jones | Elementary | Eufaula City |
| III | Patricia Tauber | Secondary | Alabaster City |
| IV | Beverlee Forney | Elementary | Elmore County |
| V | Jacqueline McNeilly | Secondary | Montgomery County |
| VI | Justin Cornelius | Secondary | Cullman County |
| VII | Deborah Royster | Elementary | Jasper City |
| VIII | Karly Beavers | Secondary | Madison City |

STATE-AT-LARGE

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| A. | Maegan Benedetti | Teacher | Oxford City |
| B. | Jefferson Blanks | Teacher | Chambers County |
| C. | Sarah Scheeren | Teacher | Montgomery County |
| D. | James York | Teacher | Dekalb County |

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

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| A. | Kevin Hughes | Assistant Professor, Faulkner University |
| B. | John Prestridge | Assistant Professor, Alabama A&M University |

Done this 10th day of April 2025