

Instructional Materials Review Committee

Dr. Christian Hanley, *Chair*

Robert D. Cathcart III, Esq., *Staff Liaison to the Committee*

January 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual via Teams Link

SBE Mission: The State Board of Education's mission is to provide a leadership role in helping South Carolina set policy and direction to transform teaching and learning so that students are prepared with the necessary knowledge and skills, including innovation, to compete globally and live a productive life.

I. WELCOME AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Committee Chair, Dr. Christian Hanley, welcomed everyone to the Instructional Materials Review Committee Meeting (IMRC) Committee.

State Board of Education (SBE) committee members in attendance were: Dr. Christian Hanley, Chair, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Dr. David Mathis, Second Judicial Circuit; Tammie Shore, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Joyce Crimminger, Sixth Judicial Circuit; and Dr. Cheryl Collier, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. A quorum was present.

Attending on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) were: John Tyler, Deputy Superintendent, Office of General Counsel; Robert Cathcart, Policy & Legal Advisor, Office of Governmental Affairs; Rebecca Blackburn Hines, Policy & Board Liaison, Office of Governmental Affairs; Rebekah Lyons, Education Policy Associate, Superintendent's Office; Tara Lang, Administrative Coordinator, Office of General Counsel; Travis Huggins, Information Technology Manager, Chief Information Office.

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 9, 2025

Chair Hanley asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda as presented for the January 9, 2025 meeting. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. Perks of Being a Wallflower- Chbosky, Stephen

Complainant, Elizabeth Szalai, spoke on her filed complaint.

Public comment in favor of retaining the material by **Rachel Wheelon, Rebecca Ervin, and Will Gunter.**

Public comment in opposition to retaining the material by **David Cook.**

Staff Presentation – Robert Cathcart, Policy & Legal Advisor

Motion by **Ms. Crimminger**, second by **Ms. Shore** to remove the book from all SC K-12 public schools. Motion passed unanimously.

2. All Boys Aren't Blue- Johnson, George M.

Complainant, Elizabeth Szalai, spoke on her filed complaint.

Public comment in favor of retaining the material by **Laura Eggers and Rebecca Ervin.**

Public comment in opposition to retaining the material by **David Cook.**

Staff Presentation – Robert Cathcart, Policy & Legal Advisor.

Motion by **Dr. Collier**, second by **Ms. Shore** to remove the material from all SC K-12 public schools. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Flamer- Curato, Mike

Complainant, Elizabeth Szalai, spoke on her filed complaint.

Public comment in favor of retaining the material by **Mark Bayer and Rebecca Ervin.**

Public comment in opposition to retaining the material by **David Cook.**

Staff Presentation – Robert Cathcart, Policy & Legal Advisor

Motion by **Ms. Crimminger**, second by **Dr. Collier** to remove the material from all SC K-12 public schools. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Push- Sapphire

Complainant, Elizabeth Szalai, spoke on her filed complaint.

Public comment in favor of retaining the material by **Taylor Simon and Rebecca Ervin.**

Public comment in opposition to retaining the material by **David Cook.**

Staff Presentation – Robert Cathcart, Policy & Legal Advisor

Motion by **Ms. Shore**, second by **Dr. Mathis** to remove the book from all SC K-12 public schools. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Bronx Masquerade- Grimes, Nikki

Complainant, Elizabeth Szalai, spoke on her filed complaint.

Public comment in favor of retaining the material by **Annie Mahaffey and Rebecca Ervin.**

No public comment in opposition to retaining the material.

Staff Presentation – Robert Cathcart, Policy & Legal Advisor

Motion by **Ms. Crimminger**, second by **Dr. Collier** to remove the book from all SC K-12 public schools. Motion passed unanimously.

6. *House on Mango Street* – Cisneros, Sandra

Complainant, Elizabeth Szalai, spoke on her filed complaint.

Public comment in favor of retaining the material by **Heather Hillis, Laura Haverkamp, and Rebecca Ervin.**

No public comment in opposition to retaining the material.

Staff Presentation – Robert Cathcart, Policy & Legal Advisor

Motion by **Ms. Shore**, second by **Dr. Mathis** to remove the book from all SC K-12 public schools. Motion passed unanimously.

2. FOR INFORMATION

No items.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m. upon the motion of **Ms. Crimminger**, second by **Dr. Collier.**