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VIA EMAIL

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Dear Mr. Greene:

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated (“T.C.A.”) section 8-44-108(b)(3), the Tennessee Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission (“the Commission”) hereby submits this letter as its Determination of Necessity for its regular called meeting to be held virtually via WebEx at 10 a.m. CST on Aril 22, 2021.

T.C.A. section 49-6-2201(k)(3) requires the Commission to hold two regular meetings each school year. This meeting is the first regular meeting of the school year and must be held in accordance with the Commission’s statutory duties.

Pursuant to T.C.A. section 8-44-108, and the Governor’s Executive Orders permitting governing bodies to conduct meetings electronically due to COVID-19, the Commission made the determination that its regular called meeting on April 22, 2021 should be conducted electronically to ensure the Commission could carry out essential business in a safe, transparent way that avoids large gatherings of people.

A statement of the necessity for the teleconference meeting was made during the meeting by Dr. Linda Cash, Chair. The following Commission members announced participation in the meeting via WebEx:

Mr. William “Billy” Bryan
Ms. Laurie Cardoza-Moore
Dr. Linda Cash
Dr. John Combs
Dr. Lisa Coons (non-voting member)
Dr. Charles Crowe
Dr. Mark Gonyea
Ms. Marcia Rudd
Ms. Michele Bowman

Notice of the meeting was posted on the Commission's website along with the agenda and instructions for accessing the WebEx via computer or telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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