Black Historical and Cultural Studies Advisory Committee Meeting
July 20, 2026

The meeting began at 7:07 pm.

The following individuals were present:

- Jameka Lewis
- Shirley Martinez
- Jalessa McIntosh
- Alexander Pittman
- Nick Psarakis
- Jahi Simbai
- Stephanie Hartman (CDE)
- Shelly Ramos (CDE)

The following individuals were absent:

- Alysia Bellamy
- Fernando Branch
- Floyd Cobb
- Regina English
- Tony Exum
- Khadija Haynes
- Biaze Houston
- Ashleigh Lawrence-
- Jamal Skinner

Committee co-chair Shirley Martinez led a discussion of the work that each grade band committee (K-5, Grades 6-8, and High School) had done since the last meeting to review the standards based on the rubric. Committee members provided an overview of the work their grade band team had done in reviewing the standards. They shared the areas of strength they had identified in the standards and the areas that need to be strengthened. Committee members also discussed the "why" behind their work.

The committee then discussed the recommendations they will make for revisions to the standards. Dr. Hartman explained that the committee could recommend adding content to current evidence outcomes or inquiry questions or add a new evidence outcome or an example. Co-chair Alexander Pittman led a discussion of other options for the committee to consider in its recommendations. One example discussed was the possibility of adding new grade level expectations along with the associated evidence outcomes and academic content and connections content. The committee members also discussed how consistent the types of recommendations need to be across grade levels.

Dr. Pittman reminded committee members that there are still additional standards that each grade band group needs to review. Dr. Hartman showed committee members an example of the additional standards. Committee members agreed that the small groups would continue to meet offline and that the K-5 group would complete its review and

recommendations and the 6-8 and high school groups would begin developing new grade level expectations.

Dr. Hartman reviewed the rest of the process for making recommendations. The next steps for the committee are:

- Formulating targeted recommendations (August meetings)
- Reviewing recommendations as a committee (September meeting)
- Meeting with the 1192 Commission (October 27 meeting)
- Finalizing recommendations (November meeting)

Mrs. Martinez requested that a reminder be added to the slides to add ongoing resources to the resource bank. The committee discussed meeting dates for August. It was agreed that the August meetings will be August 3 and August 17 from 7:00-8:30.

Due to a lack of quorum, it was determined that the whole committee would be sent an email asking all committee members to vote on the question of whether to add new grade level expectations.

Mrs. Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:24.