Black History and Cultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

8/3/2026

The meeting began at 7:05 pm.

The following committee members were present:

- Floyd Cobb
- Alysia Bellamy
- Regina English
- Jalessa McIntosh
- Shirley Martinez
- Alexander Pittman
- Nick Psarakis
- Jahi Simbai
- Stephanie Hartman (CDE)
- Shelly Ramos (CDE)

The following committee members were absent:

- Fernando Branch
- Tony Exum
- Khadija Haynes
- Biaze Houston
- Ashleigh Lawrence-Sanders
- Jameka Lewis
- Jamal Skinner

Co-chair, Dr. Alexander Pittman reviewed the committee's charge and then asked a representative of each group to provide an overview of their work on recommendations for the standards. Jahi Simbai gave a brief overview of the K-5 work to date, Jalessa McIntosh mentioned that the K-8 group had not met since the last meeting, and Dr. Pittman gave a summary of the high school group's progress.

Dr. Stephanie Hartman explained that the majority of the meeting would be dedicated to working in small groups to continue working on their recommendations. She also said that at a future meeting each group would review their recommendations with the entire committee.

Committee members worked for about an hour in their small groups. Following the group work, each committee shared an overview of the work and/or conversations from their breakout rooms. Following the discussion, Dr. Hartman reviewed the upcoming meetings, including the next meeting on August 17.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.