

MINUTES

OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD AT ITS MEETING

June 18, 2010

The State Election Board met in a Special meeting at 8:30 a.m. in Room B-6 of the State Capitol. Advance notice of the meeting was performed by filing a written notice with the Secretary of State on June 8, 2010, at 12:31 p.m. A copy of the agenda is attached.

Meeting called to order by **Tom Prince**.

ROLL CALL: TOM PRINCE - **Present**
SUSAN TURPEN - **Present**
RAMON WATKINS - **Absent**

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the minutes of the meeting held March 8, 2010. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Turpen moved that the minutes of the meeting held on March 8, 2010, be approved. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye. Motion passed, 2-0.

2. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the vacancy in the office of the Secretary of the Caddo County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** The Board acknowledged the retirement of Jean Anne McKee as the Secretary of the Caddo County Election Board, effective June 30, 2010. (Letter attached)

3. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the Secretary of the Caddo County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Turpen moved to appoint Sue Hobbs as the Secretary of the Caddo County Election Board, effective July 1, 2010. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye. Motion passed, 2-0. (Nomination on file)

4. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the vacancy in the office of the Democrat Board member of the Canadian County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** The Board acknowledged the death of Robert H. Burton, Jr. as the Democrat Board member of the Canadian County Election Board. (Letter attached)

5. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the resignation of the alternate Democrat Board member of the Canadian County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** The Board acknowledged the resignation of Stephanie Fraker as the alternate Democrat Board member of the Canadian County Election Board. (Resignation attached)

6. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the alternate and Democrat Board members of the Canadian County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Turpen moved to appoint Shirley Robertson as the alternate Democrat Board member and Stephanie Fraker as the Democrat Board member of the Canadian County Election Board. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye. Motion passed, 2-0. (Nominations attached)

7. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the Democrat Board member of the Canadian County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** See Item No. 6.

8. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the alternate Republican Board member of the Coal County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** No appointment.

9. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the resignation of the alternate Democrat Board member of the Comanche County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** The Board acknowledged the resignation of Jo Nell Martin as the alternate Democrat Board member of the Comanche County Election Board. (Resignation attached)

10. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the alternate Democrat Board member of the Comanche County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** No appointment.

11. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the vacancy in the office of the alternate Democrat Board member of the Jefferson County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** The Board acknowledged the death of Mary Herron as the alternate Democrat Board member of the Jefferson County Election Board. (Notice attached)

12. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the alternate Democrat Board member of the Jefferson County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** No appointment.

13. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the resignation of the alternate Republican Board member of the Jefferson County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** The Board acknowledged the resignation of Rubye Benson as the alternate Republican Board member of the Jefferson County Election Board.

14. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the alternate Republican Board member of the Jefferson County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** No appointment.

15. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the vacancy in the office of the Democrat Board member of the Mayes County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** The Board acknowledged the death of Sue Ann Moore as the Democrat Board member of the Mayes County Election Board. (Notice attached)

Mr. Watkins, Member, arrived at the meeting at this point.

16. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the Democrat Board member and the alternate Democrat Board member of the Mayes County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Turpen moved to appoint Laurel Rabon as the Democrat Board member and Ed Ackerman as the alternate Democrat Board member of the Mayes County Election Board. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nominations attached)

17. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the alternate Democrat Board member of the Mayes County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** See Item No. 16.

18. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the vacancy in the office of the alternate Republican Board member of the Muskogee County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** The Board acknowledged the death of Sharon Chadwell as the alternate Republican Board member of the Muskogee County Election Board. (Notice attached)

19. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the alternate Republican Board member of the Muskogee County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Prince moved to appoint Melanie Grayson as the alternate Republican Board member of the Muskogee County Election Board. Ms. Turpen seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)

20. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the Democrat Board member and the alternate Democrat Board member of the Pawnee County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Turpen moved to appoint Robert L. Ellis as the Democrat Board member and Tobie Branch as the alternate Democrat Board member of the Pawnee County Election Board. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nominations attached)

21. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the alternate Democrat Board member of the Pawnee County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** See Item No. 20.

22. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding polling place change in Oklahoma County. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Turpen moved to approve moving the Polling location for Precinct 550523 outside Precinct boundaries in Oklahoma County. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Request attached)

23. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discuss with counsel the Contests of Candidacy enumerated in Items 26 through 35 below. **ACTION TAKEN:** None.

24. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Recess meeting in order to move to Room 419-C, the room in which Contests of Candidacy will be heard beginning at 9:00 a.m.

25. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Reconvene meeting in Room 419-C to conduct Contest of Candidacy Hearings. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Prince called the Contest of Candidacy Hearings to order. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-Present; Ms. Turpen-Present; Mr. Watkins-Present.

26. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Hearing and Decision in the Matter of the Contest of Candidacy of Stephen E. Covert, Laughlin v. Covert, Cause No. 2010-07. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Covert was present but did not post the required check in the amount of \$250.00 to answer the petition and asked for an extension to bring the required deposit by noon. The Board decided to vote on whether the extension would be granted. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-nay; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye; Motion passed, 2-1. The hearing was continued. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Turpen moved that the Board deny the petition and retain the name of Stephen E. Covert on the list of candidates for the office of State Treasurer. Mr.

Watkins seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Copies of Petition and Findings/Order attached)

27. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Hearing and Decision in the Matter of the Contest of Candidacy of Jason Williford, **Sykes v. Williford**, Cause No. 2010-03. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Williford was not present to answer the petition, therefore Mr. Watkins moved that the Board sustain the petition and strike the name of Jason Williford from the list of candidates for State Senator, District 24. Ms. Turpen seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Copies of Petition and Findings/Order attached)

28. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Hearing and Decision in the Matter of the contest of Ray Prewitt, **Kern v. Prewitt**, Cause No. 2010-04. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Prewitt was present and answered the contest by posting the required cashier's check in the amount of \$250.00. Mr. Watkins moved that the Board sustain the petition and strike the name of Ray Prewitt from the list of candidates for the House of Representatives, District 84. Ms. Turpen seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Copies of Petition and Findings/Order attached)

29. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Hearing and Decision in the Matter of the Contest of Candidacy of Ronald Buck, **Myers v. Buck**, Cause No. 2010-02. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Buck was present but did not post the required cashier's check in the amount of \$250.00, therefore Mr. Watkins moved that the Board sustain the petition and strike the name of Ronald Buck from the list of candidates for State Senator, District 20. Ms. Turpen seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Copies of Petition and Findings/Order attached)

30. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Hearing and Decision in the Matter of the Contest of Candidacy of Jerry Lee Nowell, **Aldridge v. Nowell**, Cause No. 2010-05. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Nowell was present but did not post the required cashier's check in the amount of \$250.00, therefore Ms. Turpen moved that the Board sustain the petition and strike the name of Jerry L. Nowell from the list of candidates for State Senator, District 42. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Copies of Petition and Findings/Order attached)

31. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Hearing and Decision in the Matter of the Contest of Candidacy of David Roberts, **Pidcock v. Roberts**, Cause No. 2010-01. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Roberts was present to answer the petition, but did not post the required cashier's check in the amount of \$250.00. Therefore, Mr. Watkins moved that the Board sustain the petition and strike the name of David Roberts from the list of candidates for the House of Representatives District 68. Ms. Turpen seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Copies of Petition and Findings/Order attached)

32. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Hearing and Decision in the Matter of the Contest of Candidacy of David Roberts, **Mulready v. Roberts**, Cause No. 2010-09. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Roberts was present to answer the petition but did not post the required cashier's check in the amount of \$250.00. Therefore, Mr. Watkins moved that the Board sustain the petition and strike the name of David Roberts from the list of candidates for the House of Representatives District 68. Ms. Turpen seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Copies of Petition and Findings/Order attached)

33. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Hearing and Decision in the Matter of the Contest of Candidacy of Doug Merritt, **Cook v. Merritt**, Cause No. 2010-08. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Merritt was present and answered the contest by posting the required cashier's check in the amount of \$250.00. Mr. Prince moved that the Board deny the petition and retain the name of Doug Merritt on the list of candidates for the office of District Attorney District 24. Ms. Turpen seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Copies of Petition and Findings/Order attached)

34. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Hearing and Decision in the Matter of the Contest of Candidacy of William Choate, **Ross v. Choate**, Cause No. 2010-06. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Choate was present and answered the contest by posting the required cashier's check in the amount of \$250.00. Mr. Watkins moved that the Board sustain the petition and strike the name of William Choate from the list of candidates for the office of District Attorney District 22. Ms. Turpen seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Copies of Petition and Findings/Order attached)

35. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Hearing and Decision in the Matter of the Contest of Candidacy of Traci Barnes, Leming v. Barnes, Cause No. 2010-10. This hearing was consolidated with the Matter of the Contest of Candidacy of Traci Barnes, Webb v. Barnes, Cause No. 2010-11. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Barnes was present and answered the contest by posting the required cashier's check in the amount of \$250.00 per Cause. Ms. Turpen moved that the Board deny the petition in both Causes and retain the name of Traci Barnes on the list of candidates for House of Representatives District 3. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Copies of Petitions and Findings/Order attached)

36. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration of future meetings. **ACTION TAKEN:** The next Board Meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

37. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Motion to adjourn. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Watkins moved to adjourn until the next meeting. Ms. Turpen seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

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