

MINUTES

OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD AT ITS MEETING

November 30, 2021

The State Election Board met in a **Special** meeting at 1:30 P.M. in Room G41 (SEB Multipurpose Room) of the State Election Board, 2101 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Advance notice of the meeting was performed by filing a written notice with the Secretary of State on November 18, 2021, at 4:54 P.M.

The Special meeting was made available for viewing by the press and the general public online at the following Live Broadcast Link: <https://oklahoma.gov/elections/media/livestream.html>

Meeting was called to order by **Chairman Montgomery**

ROLL CALL: THOMAS MONTGOMERY-**Present**
TIM MAULDIN-**Present**
HEATHER CLINE- **Present**

Also present at the Special meeting were Secretary Paul Ziriaux, Assistant Secretary Rusty Clark, Assistant Attorney General Thomas Schneider, State Election Board In-House Counsel Rachel Rogers, and Board Clerk David Dunn.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes of the meeting held August 19, 2021. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved that the minutes of the meeting held on August 19, 2021, be approved. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

2. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Leah Jones, the Secretary of the Washita County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to acknowledge the resignation of Leah Jones, the Secretary of the Washita County Election Board. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Resignation attached)

3. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Jennifer Barnette as the Secretary of the Washita County Election Board effective December 1, 2021. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to appoint Jennifer Barnette as the Secretary of the Washita County Election Board effective December 1, 2021. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)

4. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Sandra Koehn, the Secretary of the Woods County Election Board effective November 30, 2021. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to acknowledge the resignation of Sandra Koehn, the Secretary of the Woods County Election Board effective November 30, 2021. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Resignation attached)

5. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Holly Blevins as the Secretary of the Woods County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to

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appoint Holly Blevins as the Secretary of the Woods County Election Board. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)

6. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Chris P. Lynch, the Republican Board member of the Choctaw County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to acknowledge the resignation of Chris P. Lynch, the Republican Board member of the Choctaw County Election Board. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Resignation attached)

7. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Doug McClure as the Republican Board member of the Choctaw County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to appoint Doug McClure as the Republican Board member of the Choctaw County Election Board. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)

8. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Nancy Toomey, the Democratic Board member of the Creek County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to acknowledge the resignation of Nancy Toomey, the Democratic Board member of the Creek County Election Board. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Resignation attached)

9. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Sandie Howard as the Democrat Board member of the Creek County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to appoint Sandie Howard as the Democrat Board member of the Creek County Election Board. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)

10. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Harlan R. Hinds, the alternate Democrat Board member of the Creek County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to acknowledge the resignation of Harlan R. Hinds, the alternate Democratic Board member of the Creek County Election Board. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Resignation attached)

11. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Charles E. Threadgill as the alternate Democrat Board member of the Creek County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to appoint Charles E. Threadgill as the alternate Democrat Board member of the Creek County Election Board. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)

12. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the notification from the Secretary and Democratic Member of the Johnston County Election Board and the vacancy for

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the office of the Republican member of the Johnston County Election Board pursuant to Okla. Stat. tit. 26, §2-111. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to acknowledge the signed notification from the Secretary and Democratic Board Member and declare a vacancy by operation of law under 26 O.S. §2-111. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Letter from Johnston CEB Secretary attached)

13. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Janet Trentham, the Republican Board member of the Kiowa County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to acknowledge the resignation of Janet Trentham, the Republican Board member of the Kiowa County Election Board. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Resignation attached)

14. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Review, discussion, and possible action pursuant to 26 O.S. §2-114 regarding the ineligibility of Dottie Bennett to serve as the Democratic Board member of the Okfuskee County Election Board and possible declaration of vacancy. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to remove Dottie Bennett as the Democratic Board member of the Okfuskee County Election Board due to ineligibility as a result of her change in residency outside of Okfuskee County and further move to declare a vacancy in the position of Democratic Board member of the Okfuskee County Election Board. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Letter from Okfuskee CEB Secretary attached)

15. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Theo L. Crawley, the alternate Democrat Board member of the Okfuskee County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to acknowledge the resignation of Theo L. Crawley, the alternate Democrat Board member of the Okfuskee County Election Board. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Resignation attached)

16. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Theo L. Crawley as the Democrat Board member of the Okfuskee County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to appoint Theo L. Crawley as the Democrat Board member of the Okfuskee County Election Board. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)

17. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Reba Garrison as the alternate Democrat Board member of the Okfuskee County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to appoint Reba Garrison as the alternate Democrat Board member of the Okfuskee County Election Board. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)

18. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Dell Six, the Democrat Board member of the

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Okmulgee County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to acknowledge the resignation of Dell Six, the Democrat Board member of the Okmulgee County Election Board. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Resignation attached)

19. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Rose Lynch as the Democrat Board member of the Okmulgee County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Maudlin moved to appoint Rose Lynch as the Democrat Board member of the Okmulgee County Election Board. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)

20. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Bobbie Jean Powell as the alternate Democrat Board member of the Okmulgee County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to table possible action regarding the appointment of Bobbie Jean Powell as the alternate Democrat Board member of the Okmulgee County Election Board unless a vacancy occurs. Ms. Cline offered an amendment to his motion to table possible action on Bobbie Jean Powell's appointment indefinitely. Dr. Mauldin accepted her amendment. Ms. Cline seconded the motion, as amended. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination and Letter from State Election Board to Okmulgee County Democratic Central Committee attached)

21. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of James (Jim) Martin, the alternate Republican Board member of the Okmulgee County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to acknowledge the resignation of James (Jim) Martin, the alternate Republican Board member of the Okmulgee County Election Board. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Resignation attached)

22. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Janice Edmonds as the alternate Republican Board member of the Okmulgee County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to appoint Janice Edmonds as the alternate Republican Board member of the Okmulgee County Election Board. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)

23. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion regarding the scheduling of future meetings and requests for items to be placed on future agendas. Secretary Ziriaux said 2022 will be a big election year. We will have a Special meeting in late April, following the candidate filing period, to hear Contests of Candidacy. Alternate Board members will also attend. Then, three Regular meetings—each one starting at 5:00 P.M.—will be held to certify the Primary Election (we will meet June 5), Runoff Primary Election (we will meet Aug. 30) and General Election (we will meet Nov. 15).

24. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Motion to Adjourn. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to adjourn until the next meeting. Ms. Cline


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seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

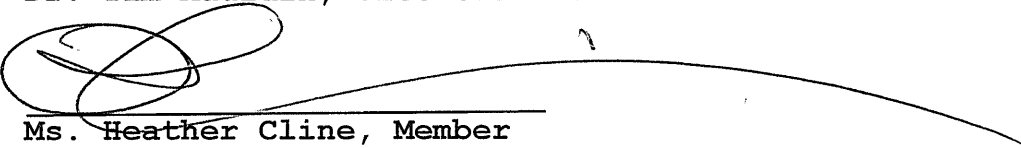
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Dr. Tim Mauldin, Vice-Chairman



Ms. Heather Cline, Member

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Ms. Debi Thompson, Democrat Alternate