

MINUTES

OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD AT ITS MEETING

January 11, 2023

The State Election Board met in a **Special** meeting at 2:30 P.M. at the State Capitol Building, Room G-3, 2300 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 January 9, 2023, at 10:21 A.M.

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

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

Also present were Secretary Paul Ziriak, Assistant Secretary Rusty Clark, In-House Counsel Rachel Rogers, Assistant Attorney General Bailey Warren, Board Clerk David Dunn, and Assistant Board Clerk Garris Dennis.

**BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING**

1. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes of the meeting held on November 15, 2022. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved that the minutes of the meeting held on November 15, 2022, be approved. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

**Possible Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1), to discuss Agenda items 2 through 5:**

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Allen Arnold, the Acting Secretary of the Canadian County Election Board, as the Secretary of the Canadian County Election Board to fill the unexpired term.

Assistant Attorney General Bailey Warren advised the State Election Board Members that an Executive Session was appropriate.

2A. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to enter Executive Session. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

2B. Discussion in Executive Session.

2C. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to exit Executive Session and to return to Open Session. Seconded by Ms. Cline. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

Assistant Attorney General Bailey Warren stated that no items were discussed in Executive Session other than Agenda items 2 through 5, as listed on the Agenda; No actions were taken while in Exec. Session.

2D. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to table the consideration and possible appointment of Allen Arnold, the Acting Secretary of the Canadian County Election Board, as the Secretary of the Canadian County Election Board to fill the unexpired term, until a future meeting. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Resume and Senatorial recommendations attached)

3. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action to acknowledge the vacancy caused by the death of Sharie Smith, the Secretary of the Major County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to acknowledge the vacancy caused by the death of Sharie Smith, the Secretary of the Major County Election Board. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

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4. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion on possible action regarding the appointment of Melinda (Mindy) Taylor as the Secretary of the Major County Election Board to fill the unexpired term. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to appoint Melinda (Mindy) Taylor as the Secretary of the Major County Election Board to fill the unexpired term. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Resume and Senatorial recommendation attached)

5. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of David Neely, Jr., as the Secretary of the Nowata County Election Board to fill the unexpired term. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to appoint David Neely, Jr., as the Secretary of the Nowata County Election Board to fill the unexpired term. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Resume and Senatorial recommendation attached)

6. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Adam Barby as the alternate Republican Board member on the Beaver County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to appoint Adam Barby as the alternate Republican Board member on the Beaver 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)

7. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Melissa Gill, the Democrat Board member of the Cleveland County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to acknowledge the resignation of Melissa Gill, the Democrat Board member of the Cleveland 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)

8. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Robert Anthony, the alternate Democrat Board member of the Cleveland County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to acknowledge the resignation of Robert Anthony, the alternate Democrat Board member of the Cleveland 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)

9. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Robert Anthony as the Democrat Board member of the Cleveland County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to appoint Robert Anthony as the Democrat Board member of the Cleveland 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 appointment of Karl F. Jahnke as the alternate Democrat Board member of the Cleveland County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to appoint Karl F. Jahnke as the alternate Democrat Board member of the Cleveland 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)

11. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Colby Carpenter as the Democrat Board member of the Latimer County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to appoint Colby Carpenter as the Democrat Board member of the Latimer 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)

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12. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Jonathan Wynn as the alternate Republican Board member of the Latimer County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to appoint Jonathan Wynn as the alternate Republican Board member of the Latimer 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)

13. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Mary Ann Williams, the Democrat Board member of the Marshall County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to acknowledge the resignation of Mary Ann Williams, the Democrat Board member of the Marshall 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)

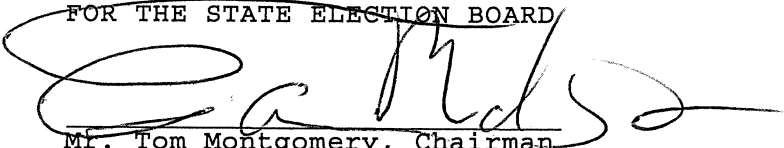
14. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Jim Gentry, the Republican Board member of the Pushmataha County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to acknowledge the resignation of Jim Gentry, the Republican Board member of the Pushmataha County 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)

15. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion regarding the process of re-appointment or appointment of State Election Board Members and Alternate Members in 2023, including a review of relevant statutes (26 O.S. §2-101, et al). **ACTION TAKEN:** None. Discussion by Secretary Ziriaux: The State's largest two political parties must submit a list of possible nominees to the Governor by March 1, 2023. The Governor must submit his choices of appointees or re-appointees to the State Election Board by March 15, 2023.


16. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion regarding the scheduling of future meetings and requests for items to be placed on future agendas. The State Election Board will next meet on January 17 at 10:00 A.M. in Room G-3 of the State Capitol. We will also have a Regular meeting on March 14, 2023, also in Room G-3, beginning at 5:00 P.M. to certify election results, if appropriate, in the March 7 Special Election. In addition, we will have an orientation session.

17. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Motion to Adjourn. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to adjourn until the next meeting. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

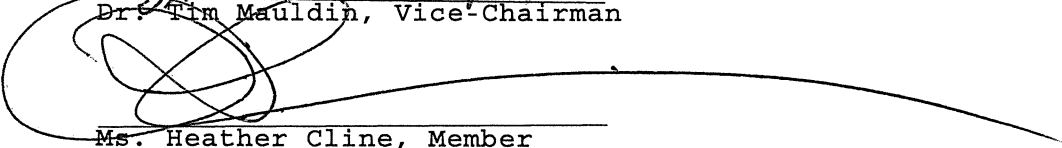
FOR THE STATE ELECTION BOARD



Mr. Tom Montgomery, Chairman



Dr. Tim Mauldin, Vice-Chairman



Ms. Heather Cline, Member