MINUTES OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD
October 20, 2026

The State Election Board met in a **Special** meeting on **Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 03:00 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's Office on October 15, 2026, at 04:15 PM.

Meeting was called to order by **Heather Cline**

ROLL CALL: Heather Cline, Chair- **Present**
Dr. Tim Mauldin, Vice-Chair- **Present**
Mignon Lambley, Member- **Present**

Also present were Secretary Paul Ziriax, Assistant Secretary Rusty Clark, Director of Policy and Legal Affairs Rachel Rogers, Assistant Attorney General Bailey Warren, Director of Communications and Public Information Misha Mohr, and Board Clerk Garris Dennis.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING:

1. Call to Order: Roll call and the announcement of a quorum.

2. Announcements and introductions of members and guests.

3. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mignon Lambley made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. Dr. Tim Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye, Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

4. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action acknowledging the resignation of the following County Election Board Secretaries:

   a. Chelsea Bassham, Secretary of the Caddo County Election Board, effective December 31, 2026.

   b. Jennifer Barnette, Secretary of the Washita County Election Board, effective October 19, 2026.

   ACTION TAKEN: Dr. Tim Mauldin made a motion to acknowledge the resignation of the County Election Board Secretaries listed on Agenda Items 4a – 4b. Mignon Lambley seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye, Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

5. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the vacancies created by resignation, death, or other reason provided by law of the following County Election Board Members and Alternate Members:

   a. Dean C. Pearson, Republican Alternate Member of the Atoka County Election Board, effective July 20, 2026.

   b. Larry Darnell, Republican Alternate Member of the Craig County Election Board, effective upon his appointment as the Republican Member of the Craig County Election Board.

c. Charlotte Shaw, Democratic Alternate Member of the McClain County Election Board, effective August 12, 2026.

ACTION TAKEN: Dr. Tim Mauldin made a motion to acknowledge the resignations of County Election Board Members and Alternate Members as listed in Agenda Items 5a – 5c. Mignon Lambley seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye, Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

6. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the removal of the following County Election Board Members and Alternate Members:

   a. Melissa Parker, Republican Alternate Member of the Coal County Election Board, effective immediately.

ACTION TAKEN: Heather Cline made a motion to remove Melissa Parker as the Republican Alternate Member of the Coal County Election Board. Mignon Lambley seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye, Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discussion and possible action regarding the removal of the following County Election Board Members and Alternate Members:

b. John William Hobbs Sr., Republican Alternate Member of the Kay County Election Board, effective immediately.

ACTION TAKEN: Mignon Lambley made a motion to remove John William Hobbs Sr. as the Republican Alternate Member of the Kay County Election Board. Dr. Tim Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye, Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

7. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of the following County Election Board Secretary:

   a. Ashton Hymer, as acting Secretary of the Washita County Election Board to fill the remainder of the unexpired term ending April 30, 2027, or until a permanent replacement can be named.

ACTION TAKEN: Mignon Lambley made a motion to appoint Ashton Hymer as the acting Secretary of the Washita County Election Board to fill the remainder of the unexpired term ending April 30, 2027, or until a permanent replacement can be named. Dr. Tim Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye, Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

8. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of the following County Election Board Members and Alternate Members:

   a. Larry Darnell, as the Republican Member of the Craig County Election Board, effective immediately.

b. Cynthia Nitschke, as the Democratic Alternate Member of the Jefferson County Election Board, effective immediately.

c. Rodney Jenkins, as the Republican Alternate Member of the Kay County Election Board, effective immediately.

d. Judith A. Hill, as the Democratic Alternate Member of the McClain County Election Board, effective immediately.

ACTION TAKEN: Dr. Tim Mauldin made a motion to appoint the County Election Board Members and Alternate Members as listed in Agenda Items 8a – 8d. Mignon Lambley seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye, Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

9. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion regarding the scheduling of future meetings and requests for items to be placed on future agendas. **ACTION TAKEN:** Secretary Ziriax reminded the Board Members of November 10, 2026, 05:00 P.M. Certification Meeting for the General Election and informed them that he does not anticipate the need for any more Special Meetings prior to certification.

10. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Motion to adjourn. **ACTION TAKEN:** At 3:33 P.M. Dr. Tim Mauldin made a motion to adjourn. Mignon Lambley seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye, Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

FOR THE STATE ELECTION BOARD

Ms. Heather Cline, Chairman

Dr. Tim Mauldin, Vice-Chairman

Ms. Mignon Lambley, Member

Mr. Jerry Buchanan, Alternate Member

Ms. Debra Thompson, Alternate Member