

**MINUTES  
OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD**

**June 20, 2023**

The State Election Board met in a **Special** meeting on **June 20, 2023, at 10:00 A.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 June 5, 2023, at 12:55 P.M.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Heather Cline- **Present**

Tim Mauldin- **Present**

Mignon Lambley- **Present** (Arrived at 10:05 A.M.)

Jerry Buchanan- **Present**

Also present were Secretary Paul Ziriaux, Asst. Secretary Rusty Clark, In-House Counsel Rachel Rogers, Asst. Attorney General Bailey Warren, Board Clerk David Dunn, Asst. Clerk Garris Dennis, and PIO Misha Mohr.

**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 April 26, 2023. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved that the minutes of the meeting held on April 26, 2023, be approved. Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Mr. Buchanan-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Note: Jerry Buchanan, the Republican Alternate, voted in the absence of Mignon Lambley, the Republican Member.) (Approved unsigned Minutes attached)

Member Mignon Lambley arrived at 10:05 A.M.

Possible Executive Session, pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1), to discuss agenda items 4-7.

- A. Motion and vote to enter Executive Session.
- B. Discussion in Executive Session.
- C. Motion and vote to exit Executive Session.
- D. In Open Session, possible action and vote, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

No Executive Session was requested by Members nor recommended by legal counsel.

**4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Coulten Cue as the Secretary of the Garfield County Election Board effective June 30, 2023. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to acknowledge the resignation of Coulten Cue as the Secretary of the Garfield County Election Board effective June 30, 2023. Ms. Lambley seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Resignation attached)

**5. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Shari A. Monsees, as the Secretary of the Garfield County Election Board to a term beginning June 30, 2023 and ending on April 30, 2027. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Lambley moved to appoint Shari A. Monsees, as the Secretary of the Garfield County Election Board to a term beginning June 30, 2023 and ending on April 30, 2027. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)

**6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Cathleen Branscum as the Secretary of the Pontotoc County Election Board effective July 1, 2023. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to acknowledge the resignation of Cathleen Branscum, the Secretary of the Pontotoc County Election Board effective July 1, 2023. Ms. Lambley seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Resignation attached)

**7. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Paula Christian, as the Secretary of the Pontotoc County Election Board to a term beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on April 30, 2027. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Lambley moved to appoint Paula Christian, as the Secretary of the Pontotoc County Election Board to a term beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on April 30, 2027. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)

**AGENDA ITEMS 8 THROUGH 36.** Chairman Cline asked the Board members whether or not, in the interests of time, they had any objection to acting collectively rather than individually on agenda items 8 through 36. Dr. Mauldin and Ms. Lambley had no objection to acting collectively.

**AGENDA ITEMS 16, 17, 20, 24, 27, 28, and 35. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignations of county election board members and alternates listed on agenda items 16, 17, 20, 24, 27, 28, and 35. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to collectively acknowledge the resignations listed on agenda items 16, 17, 20, 24,

27, 28, and 35. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Resignations attached)

**AGENDA ITEMS 15, 18, 19, and 36. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointments of county election board members and alternates listed on agenda items 15, 18, 19, and 26. **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Mauldin moved to table discussion and possible action on agenda items 15, 18, 19, and 36, either to a future meeting or later that day. Ms. Lambley seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

**AGENDA ITEMS 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointments of county election board members and alternates listed on agenda items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. Board Members reviewed each agenda item and nominee for possible appointment, both the agenda items as well as Addendum A. **ACTION TAKEN:** Voicing each nominee's name and county, Ms. Cline moved to collectively appoint the county election board members and alternate members as listed on agenda items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34. Ms. Lambley seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination or Application Forms attached.)

**BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** At 10:54 A.M., Dr. Mauldin moved to recess until noon. Ms. Lambley seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

**BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** At 12:00 P.M., Ms. Lambley moved to reconvene the meeting. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

**37. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Orientation and training for State Election Board members and alternates:

A. Presentation and discussion relating to the Open Meetings Act and Open Records Act.

B. Presentation and discussion regarding the history, organization, procedures, operations, and duties of the State Election Board agency, members, secretary and staff.

C. Question and answer session for State Election Board members and alternates following each of the above presentations.

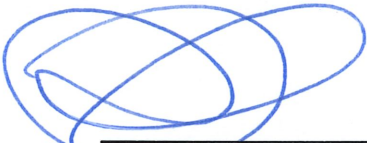
**AGENDA ITEMS 15, 18, 19, and 36 (PREVIOUSLY TABLED). BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding Agenda items 15, 18, 19, and 36. **ACTION ITEM:** Ms. Lambley moved to appoint the three

persons listed on Agenda items 15, 19, and 36 to serve on their respective County Election Boards in the positions described on the three Agenda items. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Note: Agenda item 18 remained tabled.)

**38. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion regarding the scheduling of future meetings and requests for items to be placed on future agendas. Secretary Zirix said with today's actions, the State Election Board has filled most of the vacancies for County Election Board members and alternates. However, we will need to have another Special meeting sometime between mid-July and mid-August to finalize the remaining appointments. **ACTION TAKEN:** No action taken.

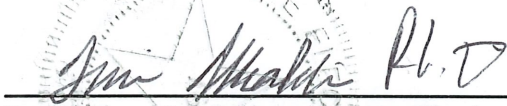
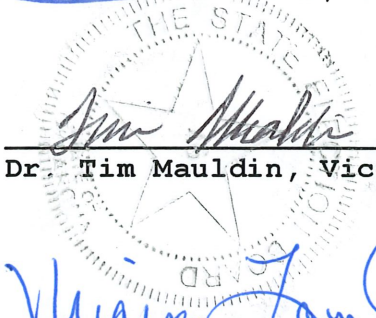
**39. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Motion to adjourn. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Lambley moved to adjourn until the next meeting. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Lambley-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

**FOR THE STATE ELECTION BOARD**



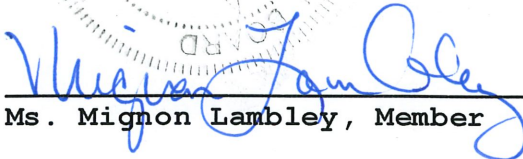
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Ms. Heather Cline, Chairman



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Dr. Tim Mauldin, Vice-Chairman



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Ms. Mignon Lambley, Member

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