MINUTES

OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD

December 10, 2024

The State Election Board met in a **Special** meeting on **Tuesday**, **December 10**, **2024**, **at 1:30 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 December 4, 2024 at 12:32 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Heather Cline

ROLL CALL: Heather Cline- Present

Dr. Tim Mauldin- Present

Jerry Buchanan- **Present** (alternate for member Mignon Lambley, arrived at 1:32 P.M.)

Also present were Secretary Paul Ziriax, Assistant Secretary Rusty Clark, In-House Counsel Rachel Rogers, Assistant Attorney General Bailey Warren, and Interim Board Clerk Sierra Jones.

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 November 12, 2024. ACTION TAKEN: Dr. Mauldin moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on November 12, 2024. Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Mr. Buchanan-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.
- 4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discussion and possible action regarding the vacancies created by the resignations of the following County Election Board Members:
 - A. Lee Chadrick, as the Alternate Democratic Board Member of the Kiowa County Election Board, effective immediately.
 - B. William Jenkins, as the Republican Board Member of the Craig County Election Board, effective immediately.
 - C. Bruce Sheppard, as the Republican Board Member of the Bryan County Election Board, effective December 31, 2024.

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ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Buchanan moved to acknowledge the vacancies created by resignation as set forth on Agenda items 4A - 4C, respectively. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Mr. Buchanan-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

- 5. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discussion and possible action regarding the vacancies created by the resignations of the following County Election Board Secretaries:
 - A. Linda Howard, as the Secretary of the Jackson County Election Board, effective immediately.
 - B. Jana Maddux, as the Secretary of the Roger Mills County Election Board, effective December 30, 2024.
 - C. Janelle McKnight, as the Secretary of the McIntosh County Election Board, effective February 1, 2025.

ACTION TAKEN: Dr. Mauldin moved to acknowledge the vacancies created by resignation as set forth on Agenda items 5A - 5C, respectively. Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Mr. Buchanan-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

- **6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of the following County Election Board Secretaries:
 - A. Holly Levis, as the Secretary of the Garvin County Election Board, effective immediately.
 - B. Cindy Wilson, as the Secretary of the Jackson County Election Board, effective immediately.
 - C. Kelly Tice, as the Secretary of the Roger Mills County Election Board, effective December 30, 2024.
 - D. Ruby Brunk, as the Secretary of the Sequoyah County Election Board, effective December 31, 2024
 - E. Kim Limbaugh, as the Secretary of the McIntosh County Election Board, effective February 2, 2025.

ACTION TAKEN: Dr. Mauldin moved to appoint the County Election Board Secretaries as set forth on Agenda items 6A - 6E, respectively. Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Mr. Buchanan-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

- 7. 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 to be aware of the possible need for a Special Meeting to conduct a contest of candidacy hearing for State Senate District 8 Special Election in early January, 2025. The Secretary also mentioned the possibility of Certification Meetings in March, April, and May of 2025 for the State Senate District 8 Special Election.
- 8. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Motion to adjourn. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Buchanan moved to adjourn until the next meeting. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Mr. Buchanan-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

FOR THE STATE ELECTION BOARD

Ms. Heather Cline, Chairman

Dr. Tim Mauldin, Vice-Chairman

Ms. Mighon Lambley, Member

Mr. Jerry Buchanan, Alternate Member

Ms. Debra Thompson, Alternate Member

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