

MINUTES

OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD AT ITS MEETING

April 27, 2021

The State Election Board met in a Virtual Special meeting at 3:00 P.M. in a virtual meeting. This Virtual Special meeting was held consistent with the amendments to the Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. 2011, § 307.1 et seq., signed into law by Gov. J. Kevin Stitt on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. See 2021 O.S.L. 1, Senate Bill No. 1031.

Advance notice of the Virtual Special meeting was performed by filing a written notice with the Secretary of State on April 6, 2021, at 1:33 P.M. A copy of the agenda is attached.

The Virtual 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 In-Person
TIM MAULDIN-	Present via Teleconference
HEATHER CLINE-	Present In-Person

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. Opening introductions by Secretary Ziriaux included, Assistant Secretary, Pam Slater; Assistant Secretary, Designee, Rusty Clark; In-House Counsel and Director of Policy and Legal Affairs, Rachel Rogers; and Thomas R. Schneider, Legal Counsel Assistant Attorney General.

2. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes of the meeting held on April 13, 2021. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved that the minutes of the meeting held on April 13, 2021, be approved. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

3. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Possible Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. 2011, §307(B)(1), to discuss the appointment of Jody Helm as the Secretary of the Garfield County Election Board, effective immediately.

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin made a motion to return to Open Session. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

Mr. Schneider offered a statement for the record that no other items were discussed nor were any votes taken in Executive Session.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline made the motion that based upon the Board reviewing and considering the complaints and recommendations received regarding Jody Helm's appointment as Secretary of the Garfield County Election Board, and in consideration that no other individuals have been recommended or come forward to serve in this capacity, I move to appoint Jody Helm as Secretary of the Garfield County Election Board, effective immediately. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

4. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Possible Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. 2011, §307(B)(1), to discuss the appointment of Blair S. Gonzales as the Secretary of the Grant County Election Board, effective

July 1, 2021.

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

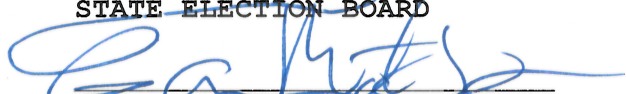
**ACTION TAKEN:** Dr Mauldin made a motion to return to Open Session. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

Mr. Schneider offered a statement for the record that no other items were discussed nor were any votes taken in Executive Session.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline made the motion to appoint Blair S. Gonzales as Secretary of the Grant County Election Board, effective July 1, 2021. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

5. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Stephen J. Millspaugh as the Republican Board member of the Custer County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline made a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Stephen J. Millspaugh as the Republican Board member of the Custer County Election Board. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.
6. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Barbara Hatfield as the Republican Board member of the Custer County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline made a motion to appoint Barbara Hatfield as the Republican Board member of the Custer County Election Board. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.
7. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of David Plesher as the Republican Board member of the Carter County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline made a motion to acknowledge the resignation of David Plesher as the Republican Board member of the Carter County Election Board. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.
8. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Kenneth Faustner Jr. as the Republican Board member of the Carter County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline made a motion to appoint Kenneth Faustner Jr. as the Republican Board member of the Carter County Election Board. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.
9. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Ruth Ann Waid as the alternate Republican Board member of the McIntosh County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline made a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Ruth Ann Waid as the alternate Republican Board member of the McIntosh County Election Board. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.
10. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion regarding the scheduling of future meetings and requests for items to be placed on future agendas. **ACTION TAKEN:** It was discussed that a Special Meeting will be scheduled soon as other County Election Board Secretaries appointments are pending.
11. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Motion to adjourn. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to adjourn. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

STATE ELECTION BOARD

  
Mr. Montgomery, Chairman

  
Dr. Mauldin, Vice-Chairman

  
Ms. Cline, Member

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Mr. Gerald Buchanan, Republican Alternate

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Ms. Debi Thompson, Democrat Alternate