

MINUTES

OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD AT ITS MEETING

March 24, 2011

The State Election Board met in a Special meeting at 5:00 p.m. in Room B-6 of the State Capitol Building. Advance notice of the meeting was performed by filing a written notice with the Secretary of State on March 11, 2011, at 9:43 a.m. A copy of the agenda is attached.

Meeting was called to order by **Tom Prince**.

ROLL CALL: TOM PRINCE - **Present**
SUSAN TURPEN - **Present**
RAMON WATKINS - **Absent**

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the minutes of the meeting held January 26, 2011. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Turpen moved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 26, 2011, be approved. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye. Motion passed, 2-0.
2. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the resignation of the Democrat Board member of the Tillman County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** The Board acknowledged the resignation of Julane Whitworth as the Democrat Board member of the Tillman County Election Board. (Resignation attached)
3. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the Democrat Board member of the Tillman County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** None.
4. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the resignation of the Republican Board member of the Tillman County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** The Board acknowledged the resignation of Joe B. Waugh as the Republican Board member of the Tillman County Election Board. (Resignation attached)
5. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the Republican Board member of the Tillman County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** None.

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6. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the vacancy in the office of the Secretary of the Choctaw County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** The Board acknowledged the resignation of Darlene Rickman as the Secretary of the Choctaw County Election Board. (Resignation attached)

7. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the Secretary of the Choctaw County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Turpen moved to appoint Cathy Davidson as the Secretary of the Choctaw County Election Board. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye. Motion passed, 2-0. (Nomination attached)

The Chairman of the Board moved to items 11 through 13 on the agenda so that Board member Ramon Watkins could be present for items 8 through 10.

11. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the Democrat County Election Board members and alternates for four-year terms beginning May 1, 2011, and ending April 30, 2015. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Turpen moved to appoint Democrat County Election Board members and alternates for four-year terms beginning May 1, 2011, and ending April 30, 2015, as submitted. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye. Motion passed, 2-0. (Nomination list attached)

12. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the Republican County Election Board members and alternates for four-year terms beginning May 1, 2011, and ending April 30, 2015. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Turpen moved to appoint Republican County Election Board members and alternates for four-year terms beginning May 1, 2011, and ending April 30, 2015, as submitted. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye. Motion passed, 2-0. (Nomination list attached)

Mr. Watkins arrived at this time.

13. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the polling place change in Craig County. **ACTION TAKEN:** After staff spoke with the Secretary in Craig County, Ms. Turpen moved to

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approve moving the polling place for precinct 180101 outside precinct boundaries in Craig County. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Request attached)

8. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the County Election Board secretaries for two-year terms beginning May 1, 2011, and ending April 30, 2013. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Watkins moved to appoint County Election Board secretaries for two-year terms, provided that nomination letters are received by the State Election Board for nominations done verbally. Ms. Turpen seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination list attached)

9. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the retirement of the secretaries of the Kay County Election Board and the McCurtain County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** The Board acknowledged the retirement of Carol D. Kellum as the Secretary of the Kay County Election Board and Lue Davis of the McCurtain County Election Board, effective May 31, 2011. (Notice of Retirements attached)

10. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the secretaries of the Kay County Election Board and the McCurtain County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Watkins moved to appoint Cheryl Howard as the Secretary of the Kay County Election Board and Kelly K. Donaldson as the Secretary of the McCurtain County Election Board, effective June 1, 2011, and ending April 30, 2013. Ms. Turpen seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0. (Nominations attached)

14. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Report from Secretary. **ACTION TAKEN:** Secretary Paul Ziriaux gave a brief report on the MOVE Act and the problems with our current election calendar to meet deadlines, updated the Board on current election related legislation and the status of our new voting devices.

15. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Consideration of future meetings. **ACTION TAKEN:** The Board will meet again in late April.

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16. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Motion to Adjourn. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Turpen moved to adjourn until the next meeting. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Prince-aye; Ms. Turpen-aye; Mr. Watkins-aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

State Election Board

TOM PRINCE, Chairman

SUSAN TURPEN, Vice Chairman

RAMON WATKINS, Member