

# MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

February 14, 2023

The Blaine County Election Board met in a REGULAR meeting at 6:00 p.m., in Basement Room 6 of the Blaine County Courthouse. Advance notice of the meeting was performed by filing a written notice with the County Clerk on November 14, 2022 at 10:53 a.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on February 2, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. One copy each of the notice and agenda is attached. The following members were present: Mike Russell, Chairman; Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman; and Brenda Rice, Secretary, Tammy Edsall, Assistant Secretary, Tonya Nix, Clerk. Mr. Russell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

**1. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discuss and approve the minutes for the meeting held January 13, 2023.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held January 13, 2023 be approved. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.

**2. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Process mail and nursing home absentee ballots submitted for the February 14, 2023 Special Elections including opening the outer envelopes and examining the affidavits for sufficiency, removing the affidavit envelope, opening the secrecy envelope, and counting the ballots. The process began at 6:03 p.m.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Board members opened outer envelopes and examined the affidavits for thirty-six absentee ballots submitted by mail. There were two nursing home ballots cast.

The Board determined that thirty-eight ballots were sufficient and would be counted. Mr. Russell moved to accept and count the thirty-eight absentee ballots. Mrs. Melchor seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.

The Board observed as County Election Board Vice-Chairman Lana Melchor, and Tonya Nix, Clerk scanned all mail ballots through the designated voting machine.

**3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass the February 14, 2023 Special Election results for Blaine County.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None. No motions were made and no votes taken in connection with these activities.

**4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass the February 14, 2023 Special Election results for the following school district which Blaine County is the affected school district:

**Fairview School District**

**2 Propositions**

**ACTION TAKEN:** None. No motions were made and no votes taken in connection with these activities.

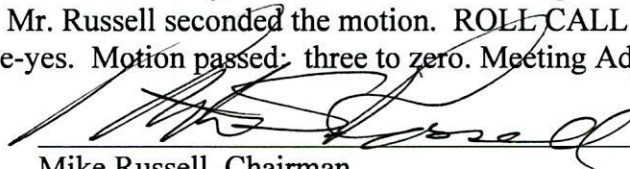
Throughout the evening, Board members were present and observed the processes and procedures involved in the receipt of voting devices, election supplies, and ballots from Inspectors; the tabulation of election results and production of tabulation reports and summary results reports; the transfer of sealed ballot transfer cases from precincts and sealed ballot transfer cases containing counted absentee ballots into the custody of the Sheriff. The Board also examined tabulation reports and unofficial certification reports.

**5. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discuss dates and times for future County Election Board Meetings.

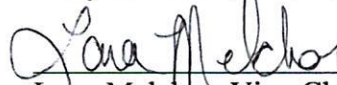
**ACTION TAKEN:** The Secretary informed the Board Members that the next County Election Board Meeting will be Friday, February 17, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. and if needed a Recount Hearing on February 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in main courtroom.

**6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Adjournment.


**ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, February 17, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

  
Mike Russell, Chairman

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Mary Jac Rauh, Alternate Chairman

  
Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

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Farrol Boyd, Alternate Vice-Chairman

  
Brenda Rice, Secretary

