

# MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

November 17, 2023

The Blaine County Election Board met in a SPECIAL meeting on November 17, 2023 at 4:45 p.m. at the Blaine County Election Board, Room 6, Blaine County Courthouse, 212 N. Weigle, Watonga, Oklahoma. Advance notice of the meeting was given by filing a written notice with the Blaine County Clerk on October 11, 2023 at 10:06 a.m.

Present: Mike Russell, Chair  
Lana Melchor, Vice Chair  
Brenda Rice, Secretary

## BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

**1. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Call to Order and announcement of a quorum. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mike Russell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. with a quorum present.

**2. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discuss and approve the minutes for the meeting held November 14, 2023. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held November 14, 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.

**3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Accept and count verified provisional ballots for the November 14, 2023 Special Election. **ACTION TAKEN:** None. **ACTION TAKEN:** Board Action not required.

**4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Certify the November 14, 2023 Special Election results for the following school district which Blaine County is the affected county election board:

Hinton School District I-161      1-proposition

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved to certify the results of the above election. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. (One copy of the Official Certification Report is attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

**5. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Secretary's report to the Board about current and upcoming election events, and discussion regarding future meeting dates.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Secretary informed the Board Members that a Contest of Candidacy Hearing is scheduled for December 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., if needed.

**6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Motion to adjourn.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting. 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 5:00 p.m.

*Mike Russell*

Mike Russell, Chairman

Mary Jac Rauh, Alternate Chairman

*Lana Melchor*

Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Farrol Boyd, Alternate Vice-Chairman

*Brenda Rice*

Brenda Rice, Secretary

