

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

November 14, 2023

The Blaine County Election Board met in a SPECIAL meeting on November 14, 2023 at 6:45 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:** Mr. Russell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. with a quorum present.

2. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discuss and approve the minutes for the meeting held August 22, 2023.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held August 22, 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:** Process mail and nursing home absentee ballots submitted for the November 14, 2023 Special Election including opening the outer envelopes and examining the affidavits for sufficiency, removing the affidavit envelope, opening the secrecy envelope, and counting the ballots. ✓
ACTION TAKEN: none. No ballots cast.

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

ACTION TAKEN: The Secretary announced the next meeting is November 17, 2023 at 4:45 p.m.

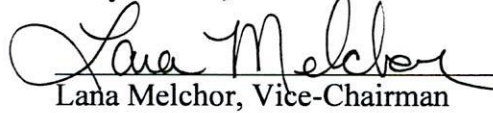
6. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Motion to adjourn.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 4:45 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 7:26 p.m.



Mike Russell, Chairman

Mary Larson, Alternate Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Karen Gilliland, Alternate Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

