

# MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

April 4, 2025

The Blaine County Election Board met in a Regular meeting at 1:00 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 December 12, 2024 at 1:58 p.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on March 18, 2025 at 8:12 a.m. One copy each of the notice and agenda is attached.

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. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-present, Mrs. Melchor-present, Ms. Rice-present. Quorum of 3. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Russell Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with a quorum present.
2. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discuss and approve the minutes for the meeting held April 1, 2025. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Russell moved that the minutes of the meeting held April 1, 2025 be approved. Mrs. Melchor seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.
3. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass and count verified provisional ballots for the April 1, 2025 Board of Education General/Municipal General Elections. **ACTION TAKEN:** Secretary Rice stated that 1 provisional ballot was cast in 1 precinct on election day. The information provided on the 1 provisional ballot was verified by the County Election Board personnel and was approved for counting. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Board members no longer vote to accept provisional ballots. No motions were made and no votes taken in connection to these activities.
4. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Recess meeting, if necessary, and reconvene. Mrs. Melchor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:13 p.m. and reconvene at 4:55 p.m. in the same location. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.  
  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Russell Chairman moved to reconvene the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Melchor. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.
5. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Certify the April 1, 2025 Board of Education General Election returns for the following school districts that Blaine County is the affected county election board:  
Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center # 26  
Cimarron School District I-092

**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.)

6. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Certify the April 1, 2025 Municipal General Election for the following municipalities that Blaine County is the parent county election board:

City of Watonga  
City of Geary  
Town of Canton

**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.)

7. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Certify the April 1, 2025 Municipal General Election for the following municipality that Blaine County is the affected county election board:

Town of Hydro

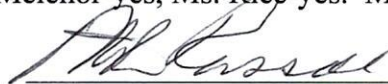
**ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved to certify the results of the above election. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. (One copy of the Official Certification Report is attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

8. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED** Discuss dates and times for future County Election Board meetings.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Secretary informed the Board Members that the Contest Hearing for April 11, 2025 was cancelled. The Board will receive notification when next board meeting is scheduled.

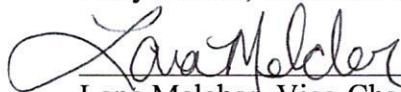
9. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Adjournment.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn. 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, Chairman

Mary Larson, Alternate Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Karen Gilliland, Alternate Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

