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Blaine County Election Board

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MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

August 28, 2026

The Blaine County Election Board met in a REGULAR meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the County Election Board office, Room 6, Blaine County Courthouse, 212 N. Weigle, Watonga, Oklahoma 73772. Advance notice of the meeting was performed by filing a written notice with the County Clerk on November 17, 2025 at 9:34 a.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on August 14, 2026 at 9:13 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 August 25, 2026. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held August 25, 2026 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:** Canvass and count verified provisional ballots for the August 25, 2026 Runoff Primary Elections. **ACTION TAKEN:** None. **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:** The Board members completed and signed the County Election Board Recess Record. Mrs. Melchor made a motion to recess the meeting and reconvene at 4:50 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. Meeting recessed at 1:05 p.m.

   ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was called back to order by Chair Mr. Russell and reconvened at 4:50 p.m. in the County Election Board office with a quorum present. Seconded by Mrs. Melchor. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. The County Election Board Recess Record becomes part of the minutes.

5. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Certify the August 25, 2026 Runoff Primary Election results for federal, state, and county offices; and all state questions.
ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to certify the results of the above election. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-present, 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:** Discuss dates and times for future County Election Board meetings.
ACTION TAKEN: The Secretary informed the Board Members that the Contest Hearing for September 4, 2026 was cancelled. The Secretary informed the Board that the next election is November 3, 2026 10:00 a.m.

7. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Adjourn meeting.
ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-absent, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Absent
Mike Russell, Chairman

Lana Melchor
Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Mary Larson, Alternate Chairman

Karen Gilliland, Alternate Vice-Chairman

Brenda Rice
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