

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

October 14, 2025

The Blaine County Election Board met in a SPECIAL meeting on October 14, 2025 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 August 15, 2025 at 9:14 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 June 13, 2025.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held June 13, 2025 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 October 14, 2025 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: Opening of Absentee Ballot Boxes began at 6:46 p.m. empty boxes were shown to the Board Members. There were no absentee ballots cast in this election. No action needed.

4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the October 14, 2025 Special Election results for the following school district that Blaine County is the affected county election board:

Hinton Public Schools I-161

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

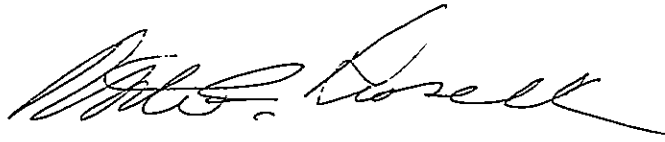
Throughout the evening, Board members were present and observed the processes and procedures involved in the receipt of voting devices, election supplies, and ballots from Inspectors; the tabulation of election results and production of tabulation reports and summary results reports; the transfer of 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.

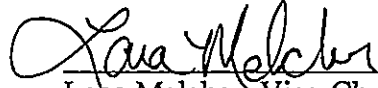
ACTION TAKEN: The Secretary announced the next meeting is October 17, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Motion to adjourn.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, October 17, 2025 at 1:00 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 8:03 p.m.



Mike Russell, Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary



Karen Gilliland, Republican Alternate

Mary Larson, Democrat Alternate