

# MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

October 17, 2025

The Blaine County Election Board met in a Special meeting at 1:00 p.m., in Basement Room 6 of the Blaine County Courthouse 212 N. Weigle, Watonga, OK 73772. Advance notice of the meeting was performed by filing a written notice with the County Clerk on August 15, 2025 at 9:14 a.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on September 23, 2025 at 10:47 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

- 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.
- BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discuss and approve the minutes for the meeting held October 14, 2025. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held October 14, 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.
- BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass and count verified provisional ballots for the October 14, 2025 Special Elections. **ACTION TAKEN:** Board members no longer vote to accept provisional ballots. No motions were made and no votes taken in connection to these activities.
- BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** The Board members completed and signed the County Election Board Recess Record. Mrs. Melchor moved to recess the meeting and reconvene at 5:00 p.m. in the same location; seconded by Mr. Russell. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. Meeting recessed at 1:03 p.m.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was called back to order by Chair Mr. Russell and reconvened at 5:00 p.m. in the County Election Board Office with a quorum present.

The County Election Board Recess Record becomes part of the minutes.

- BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Certify the October 14, 2025 Special Election for the following School District that Blaine County is the affected county election board:  
Hinton School District I-161.  
**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.)

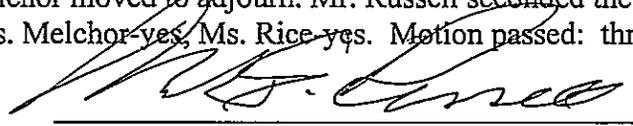
**6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED** Discuss dates and times for future County Election Board meetings.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Secretary informed the Board Members there are no more scheduled elections for the rest of the year.

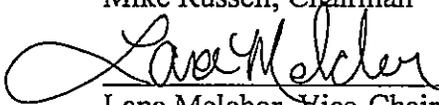
**7. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Adjournment.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL**

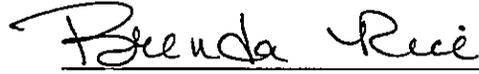
**VOTE:** Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. Meeting Adjourned at 5:02 p.m.



Mike Russell, Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

Karen Gilliland, Republican Alternate

Mary Larson, Democrat Alternate

