MINUTES

OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD AT ITS MEETING

April 1, 2019

The State Election Board met in a Special meeting at 3:00 p.m. in Room G28 of the State Capitol Building. Advance notice of the meeting was performed by filing a written notice with the Secretary of State on March 7, 2019, at 12:56 p.m. A copy of the agenda is attached.

Meeting was called to order by **Mr. Curry**

ROLL CALL:	STEPHEN CURRY-	**Present**
	THOMAS MONTGOMERY-	**Present**
	TIM MAULDIN-	**Present**

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes of the meeting held on March 14, 2019. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved that the minutes of the meeting held on March 14, 2019, be approved. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Curry-aye; Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

2. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-101.7. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Montgomery moved to table discussion and possible action on Agenda Item 2, until a future meeting, without objection. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Curry-aye; Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

3. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Possible Executive Session, pursuant to 25 O.S. 2011, § 307(B)(1), to discuss the appointment, reappointment, discipline or resignation of County Election Board Secretaries. See attached list.

   A. Vote to enter into Executive Session.
   B. Discussion in Executive Session.
   C. Vote to return to Open Session.
   D. In Open Session, possible action and vote, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

   3A. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Montgomery moved to enter into Executive Session, on the advice of counsel. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Curry-aye; Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

   3C. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Montgomery moved to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mauldin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Curry-aye; Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

4. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the reappointment of County Election Board Secretaries for four-year terms beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111.1. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Montgomery moved that the State Election Board approve the list of four (4) reappointments of County Election Board Secretaries, as submitted, for four-year terms beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111.1. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mauldin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Curry-aye; Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (List attached to Agenda, Nomination Letters attached)

5. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of County Election Board Secretaries for four-year terms beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111.1. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin

moved to table discussion and possible action on Agenda Item 5, until a future meeting. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Curry-aye; Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (List attached to Agenda)

6. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of the Democrat County Election Board members and alternates for four-year terms beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to appoint the list of Democrat County Election Board members and alternates in 16 counties for four-year terms beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111, for Canadian, Creek, Ellis, Garvin, Kay, LeFlore, Lincoln, Logan, Love, McIntosh, Major, Noble, Oklahoma, Stephens, Tillman, and Woods Counties. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Curry-aye; Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (List attached to Agenda)

7. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of the Republican County Election Board members and alternates for the new terms beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint the list of Republican County Election Board members and alternates in 17 counties for four-year terms beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111, for Atoka, Bryan, Canadian, Craig, Custer, Garfield, Harper, LeFlore, Love, McCurtain, McIntosh, Muskogee, Noble, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Pontotoc, and Wagoner Counties. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Curry-aye; Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (List attached to Agenda)

8. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Susan Turner, the Secretary of the Grady County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Curry asked for unanimous consent, without objection, to acknowledge the resignation of Susan Turner, the Secretary of the Grady County Election Board, effective June 30, 2019. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** None. (Resignation attached)

9. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of the Secretary of the Grady County Election Board, to become effective July 1, 2019 (nominee's name not known at time of posting). **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Curry asked for unanimous consent, without objection, to table discussion and possible action on Agenda Item 9, until a future meeting. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** None.

10. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Lowell Dickerson as the alternate Republican Board member of the Canadian County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Lowell Dickerson as the alternate Republican Board member of the Canadian County Election Board, for the term ending April 30, 2019. Seconded by Dr. Mauldin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Curry-aye; Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)

11. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Leah Gayle Smith, the Democrat Board member of the Carter County Election Board **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Curry asked for unanimous consent, without objection, to acknowledge the resignation of Leah Gayle Smith, the Democrat Board member of the Carter County Election Board. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** None. (Resignation attached)

12. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of James (Jim) Martin as the alternate Republican Board member of the Okmulgee County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint James (Jim) Martin as the alternate Republican Board member of the Okmulgee County Election Board, for the term ending April 30, 2019. Seconded by Dr. Mauldin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Curry-aye; Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)

13. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion regarding the scheduling of future meetings and requests for items to be placed on future agendas. **ACTION TAKEN:** Secretary Ziriax explained that the Board, at a future meeting, will need to appoint two County Election Board Secretaries and dozens of County Election Board Members and Alternates for new four-year terms, as well as to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair. The Special meeting will be in mid-April or thereafter. Mr. Dunn will communicate with the Board members regarding the meeting date and time. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** None.

14. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Motion to Adjourn. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to adjourn until the next meeting. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Curry-aye; Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

STATE ELECTION BOARD

Heather M. Cline

Mr. Curry, Chairman

Mr. Montgomery, Vice-Chairman

Dr. Mauldin, Member

Mr. Gerald Buchanan, Republican Alternate

Ms. Debi Thompson, Democrat Alternate