

MINUTES

OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD AT ITS MEETING

April 30, 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 April 15, 2019, at 10:35 a.m. A copy of the agenda is attached.

Secretary Paul Ziriaux noted publicly, just prior to the meeting, that Mr. Montgomery, Dr. Mauldin, and Ms. Cline have all been recently confirmed by the Oklahoma State Senate as Members of the State Election Board.

Meeting was called to order by **Secretary Ziriaux**

ROLL CALL: THOMAS MONTGOMERY-	Present
TIM MAULDIN-	Present
HEATHER CLINE-	Present

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes of the meeting held on April 1, 2019. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved that the minutes of the meeting held on April 1, 2019, be approved. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Mr. Montgomery-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 nominated himself as Chairman of the State Election Board. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Mr. Montgomery-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Montgomery nominated Dr. Mauldin as Vice-Chairman of the State Election Board. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Cline-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Mr. Montgomery-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, County Election Board Members, and Alternate County Election Board Members. 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: Ms. Cline moved to enter into Executive Session, on the advice of counsel. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

3C. ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Cline moved to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mauldin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-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:** Dr. Mauldin moved that the State Election Board approve the list of one (1) reappointment, of Janis Stewart as the Secretary of the Johnston County Election Board, for a four-year term 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 Ms. Cline. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (List attached to Agenda)
5. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of new 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:** Ms. Cline moved that the State Election Board approve the list of one (1) new appointment, of Tonya M. Barnes as the Secretary of the Pittsburg County Election Board, for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111.1. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (List attached to Agenda)
 6. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Ruby "Jo Ann" Hames as the Secretary of the Grady County Election Board, to become effective July 1, 2019. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to appoint Ruby "Jo Ann" Hames as the Secretary of the Grady County Election Board, effective July 1, 2019. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.
 7. **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 that the State Election Board approve the list of Democrat County Election Board members and alternates in 41 counties for appointment to four-year terms beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (List attached to Agenda)
 8. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of the Republican 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:** Ms. Cline moved that the State Election Board approve the list of Republican County Election Board members and alternates in 43 counties for appointment to four-year terms beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (List attached to Agenda)
 9. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of County Election Board members and alternates for four-year terms beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, for whom no nominations were received from the Counties' Democrat and Republican Central Committees, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved that the State Election Board approve the list of County Election Board members and alternates in 24 counties for four-year terms beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, for whom no nominations were received from the Counties' Democrat and Republican Central Committees, as submitted, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-2111. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (List attached to Agenda)
 10. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Brian J. Daffron as the Democrat Board member of the Caddo County Election Board for a four-year term 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 Brian J. Daffron as the Democrat Board member of the Caddo County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. Seconded by Ms. Cline. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)
11. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Carolyn Wallace as the Republican Board member, and Kelley Segler as the alternate Republican Board member, of the Carter County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to appoint Carolyn Wallace as the Republican Board member, and Kelley Segler as the alternate Republican Board member, of the Carter County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. Seconded by Dr. Mauldin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (Nominations attached)
 12. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Connie Parnell as the Democrat Board member, and Catherine Frank as the alternate Democrat Board member, of the Cherokee County Election Board for a four-year term 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 Connie Parnell as the Democrat Board member, and Catherine Frank as the alternate Democrat Board member, of the Cherokee County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. Seconded by Ms. Cline. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (Nominations attached)
 13. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Jerry L. Brown as the Republican Board member, and Carolyn S. Evans as the alternate Republican Board member, of the Cherokee County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to appoint Jerry L. Brown as the Republican Board member, and Carolyn S. Evans as the alternate Republican Board member, of the Cherokee County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. Seconded by Dr. Mauldin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (Nominations attached)
 14. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Larry Eddings as the Republican Board member of the Coal County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to appoint Larry Eddings as the Republican Board member of the Coal County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. Seconded by Dr. Mauldin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)
 15. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Nina Ritchie as the Democrat Board member of the LeFlore County Election Board. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Montgomery asked for unanimous consent, without objection, to acknowledge the resignation of Nina Ritchie as the Democrat Board member of the

- LeFlore County Election Board. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** None. (Resignation attached)
16. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Doug Harper as the Democrat Board member of the LeFlore County Election Board for a four-year term 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 Doug Harper as the Democrat Board member of the LeFlore County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. Seconded by Ms. Cline. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (Nomination attached)
 17. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Donna Woods as the Democrat Board member, and Jack Reavis as the alternate Democrat Board member, of the Muskogee County Election Board for a four-year term 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 Donna Woods as the Democrat Board member, and Jack Reavis as the alternate Democrat Board member, of the Muskogee County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. Seconded by Ms. Cline. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (Nominations attached)
 18. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Dottie Bennett as the Democrat Board member, and Theo L. Crawley as the alternate Democrat Board member, of the Okfuskee County Election Board for a four-year term 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 Dottie Bennett as the Democrat Board member, and Theo L. Crawley as the alternate Democrat Board member, of the Okfuskee County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. Seconded by Ms. Cline. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (Nominations attached)
 19. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Jim Gentry as the Republican Board member, and Mitchel Fitzgerald as the alternate Republican Board member, of the Pushmataha County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to appoint Jim Gentry as the Republican Board member, and Mitchel Fitzgerald as the alternate Republican Board member, of the Pushmataha County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. Seconded by Dr. Mauldin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (Nominations attached)
 20. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of George Wiland as the Republican Board member, and Richard K. Gradel as the alternate Republican Board member, of the Tulsa County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to appoint George Wiland as the Republican Board member, and Richard K. Gradel as the alternate Republican Board member, of the Tulsa County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. Seconded by Dr. Mauldin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-

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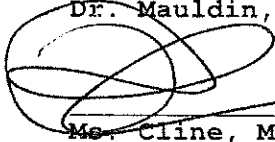
- aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.
(Nominations attached)
21. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Connie Slaughterback as the Republican Board member, and Angela Dixon as the alternate Republican Board member, of the Washita County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to appoint Connie Slaughterback as the Republican Board member, and Angela Dixon as the alternate Republican Board member, of the Washita County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. Seconded by Dr. Mauldin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (Nominations attached)
22. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Carol Bramlett as the Republican Board member, and Larry Schmidt as the alternate Republican Board member, of the Woods County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to appoint Carol Bramlett as the Republican Board member, and Larry Schmidt as the alternate Republican Board member, of the Woods County Election Board for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S. § 2-111. Seconded by Dr. Mauldin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (Nominations attached)
23. Review of remaining unfilled County Election Board member and alternate Board member appointments. **ACTION TAKEN:** None.
24. Discussion and possible action regarding the petition by the Oklahoma County Election Board to locate the Precinct 550125 polling place location outside the precinct boundaries. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to approve the petition by the Oklahoma County Election Board to locate the Precinct 550125 polling place location outside the precinct boundaries. Seconded by Ms. Cline. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (Petition attached)
25. Report by the Secretary on the status of 2019 election legislation. **ACTION TAKEN:** None.
26. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion regarding the scheduling of future meetings and requests for items to be placed on future agendas. **ACTION TAKEN:** Secretary Zirix said that the Board, at a future meeting this summer, will likely need to appoint a new Johnston County Election Board Secretary, as well as to act on any other unforeseen business. Mr. Dunn will e-mail the Board members regarding the meeting date and time. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** None.
27. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Motion to Adjourn. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to adjourn until the next meeting. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

STATE ELECTION BOARD


Mr. Montgomery, Chairman

Jim Mauldin Ph.D.

Dr. Mauldin, Vice-Chairman



Mr. Cline, Member

Mr. Gerald Buchanan, Republican Alternate

Ms. Debi Thompson, Democrat Alternate