MINUTES

OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD AT ITS MEETING

August 29, 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 August 26, 2019, at 2:53 p.m. A copy of the agenda is attached.

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

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 July 24, 2019. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 24, 2019, be approved. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0. (Minutes attached)

2. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Possible Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. 2011, § 307(B)(1), to discuss complaints against Jo Ann Hames, Secretary of the Grady County Election Board, and to discuss the possible discipline, resignation, or removal of Jo Ann Hames as Secretary of the Grady County Election Board pursuant to law.

   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.

2A. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved, on advice of legal counsel, to enter into Executive Session. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

2C. **ACTION TAKEN:** Dr. Mauldin moved to return to Open Session. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

2D. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Montgomery moved to remove Jo Ann Hames as Secretary of the Grady County Election Board pursuant to law, and effective immediately. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

3. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Possible Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. 2011, § 307(B)(1), in the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of Grady County Election Board Secretary, to discuss the possible appointment of Mary Denise Robinett or Tonya Hodges as acting Secretary of the Grady County Election Board, to serve on an interim basis until such time as a Secretary is appointed to fill the unexpired term.

   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:** Dr. Mauldin moved, on advice of legal counsel, to

enter into Executive Session. Ms. Cline seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

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

3D. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Cline moved to appoint Mary Denise Robinett as acting Secretary of the Grady County Election Board, pursuant to 26 O.S. § 2-112, to serve on an interim basis until such time as a Secretary is appointed to fill the unexpired term. Dr. Mauldin seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Montgomery-aye; Dr. Mauldin-aye; Ms. Cline-aye; Motion passed, 3-0.

4. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discussion regarding the scheduling of future meetings and requests for items to be placed on future agendas. **ACTION TAKEN:** We will have a special meeting(s) during the September-October time frame to appoint new County Election Board Secretaries. The Clerk will be in contact with Board Members.

5. **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

Dr. Mauldin, Vice-Chairman

Ms. Cline, Member

Mr. Gerald Buchanan, Republican Alternate

Ms. Debi Thompson, Democrat Alternate