# **Senate Journal**

# First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma First Legislative Day, Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Pursuant to Article V, Section 26, of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, the Senate of the First Session of the Fifty-ninth Legislature assembled in its Chamber at 12:00 p.m.

The President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell, called the Senate to Order.

The invocation was offered by Pastor Darren Pilcher, Spring Creek Assembly, Edmond, the guest of President Pro Tempore Treat and longtime pastor and friend of the Treat family.

The roll call was ordered on the twenty-four hold over members of the Senate:

Present: Bergstrom, Burns, Dahm, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Garvin, Hamilton, Jett, Kidd, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Standridge, Stephens and Treat.—24.

#### COMMUNICATION

President Pinnell directed the following Communication from the State Election Board be read on the certification of the newly elected members of the Senate.

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Greg Treat President Pro Tempore Oklahoma State Senate State Capitol, Room 422 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Sir:

Upon the face of the returns of the General Election, November 8, 2022, certified to this office by the several County Election Boards of the State, the candidates named in the list attached appear to have been regularly elected as Members of the Oklahoma State Senate for the districts indicated.

Certificates of Election have been issued to them by this Board, entitling each to participate in the preliminary organization of the Senate.

NAME	POL.	ADDRESS	DIST. NO.
Ally Seifried	R	Claremore	2
Tom Woods	R	Westville	4
David Bullard	R	Durant	6
	R	Okemah	8
Roger Thompson			•
Bill Coleman	R	Ponca City	10
Todd Gollihare	R	Bristow	12
Jerry Alvord	R	Wilson	14
Mary B. Boren	D	Norman	16
Jack Stewart	R	Yukon	18
Chuck Hall	R	Perry	20
Kristen Thompson	R	Edmond	22
Darrell Weaver	R	Moore	24
Darcy Allen Jech	R	Kingfisher	26
Grant Green	R	Wellston	28
Julia Kirt	D	Oklahoma City	30
John Michael Montgomery	R	Lawton	32
Dana Prieto	R	Tulsa	34
John Haste	R	Broken Arrow	36
Brent Howard	R	Altus	38
Carri Hicks	D	Oklahoma City	40
Brenda Stanley	R	Oklahoma City	42
Michael Brooks	D	Oklahoma City	44
Kay Floyd	D	Oklahoma City	46
George Young	D	Oklahoma City	48
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Sincerely,

/s/Paul Ziriax, Secretary State Election Board

#### **OATH OF OFFICE**

President Pinnell announced that the Official Oath of Office, as required by the Constitution, was administered to Senator Kay Floyd on November 7, 2022, by Judge Scott

Rowland, and twenty-three newly elected members on November 16, 2022, by Chief Justice Richard Darby of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

President Pinnell ordered the roll called on the newly elected members of the Senate.

Present: Alvord, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Coleman, Floyd, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Kirt, Montgomery, Prieto, Seifried, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Weaver, Woods and Young.—24.

President Pinnell declared a quorum present.

#### **ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

Senator McCortney moved that President Pro Tempore Greg Treat be elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the Fifty-ninth Legislature. Senator Floyd seconded the nomination and moved that the nominations cease.

The motion was declared adopted upon roll call as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Montgomery, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods and Young.--47.

Nay: Dahm.--1.

Having been duly elected by the majority of the members of the Senate, President Pro Tempore Greg Treat was declared the President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the Fiftyninth Legislature.

Senator McCortney moved that the President appoint a committee to escort President Pro Tempore Treat to the President's desk.

The motion was declared adopted and the President appointed Senators Daniels, Montgomery and Pugh as the committee.

President Pinnell, on behalf of the Senate, congratulated President Pro Tempore Treat and handed him the gavel.

President Pro Tempore Treat delivered the following address:

Thank you for gathering here to celebrate USC's Bowl Loss. Seriously thank you for being here to kick off the new legislature.

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Maressa, after 17 and a half years we're entering a new phase in our marriage, she's the candidate and I'm the spouse. I'm very much enjoying my new role! Maressa and I had our first real conversation in the rotunda in 2004 after I presented on behalf of Dr. Coburn's U.S. Senate campaign in the Oklahoma House Chamber. It'll come as a shock to all of you, but I was an idiot when she came up and gave me unsolicited advice. I may or may not have said "If I would have wanted your advice, I would have asked for it". Maressa, thank you for looking past my many flaws. Your advice was great then and it has been impeccable ever since. I can unequivocally say that I would not be standing here if it weren't for you. You are amazing and I am thankful for you with every fiber of my being. I'm excited to see what the next 17 years bring.

Mason, Cooper, Olivia, you all have grown up in this chamber. Mason was 3 years old when I got elected, Cooper was 6 months old and Olivia was yet to be born, and now she runs the place, or at least thinks she does. I love you all and I am proud of each one of you, you are smart, gifted and caring and truly a reflection of your mom.

My family in the gallery, thank you all for being here. I know my mom is not feeling well, hopefully she's seeing this online; I don't know if she's watching now or not but "Hi Mom" if you are. I see my dad, my brother and sister-in-law, my niece and nephew, it means the world to me that you are here. To my friends in the gallery, watching online, my family members, thank you for your love, support, and your confidence through these years.

Tomorrow my dad actually celebrates his birthday and my mom at least says that for 7 months that he's "a year older" than her. Happy birthday Dad a day early and in 30 days, mom and dad will be celebrating their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. I think that's an awesome thing. Thank you to the special guests in the gallery, Darren and Michelle Pilcher, it means the world to me that you all are here as well. They were our pastors when I was baptized by Darren, they dedicated our first two children, and they helped pray them into existence in many ways. I will never forget after Mason was born that we had a miscarriage and Maressa and I were devastated at that news and we went out to pray with Darren and Michelle. They had experienced a similar situation earlier in life and they gave us a book called "Hold You In Heaven" that we still give out to people who are suffering a loss. You pointed our lives, especially my not growing up in church. What I know about church and church leadership came from you all, you're amazing people, thank you for being here today and sharing this day.

Thank you to District 47 for your continued trust in me for sending me up here 4 times, once without a microphone but I still count it as a fourth time.

Thank you to the Senate Staff, some of which are up here today with me, others are behind the scenes. This place would not work without Senate Staff, LSB Staff, their dedication to the State is unparalleled, their intelligence, their work ethic, I appreciate each and every one of you. To my personal Pro Tem staff, I will say this and not get all gushy right now. To Jeff, Christina, Jamie, Becky and Alex, we are a wonderful team, you all make me look good, even when I don't deserve to and I appreciate everything you all do.

To Senator McCortney and Senator Thompson, who meet with me on a regular basis and always complain when I'm a little bit late. Senator McCortney, I once served in your position, you know that. You are a planner's planner. You're thoughtful, you truly seek the input of the assistant floor leaders in an unprecedented level. You're doing a great job and I have confidence that you will see even more improvements in the process now that you have 4 sessions under your belt in one year, 3 specials and one regular, so you're four sessions in! Thank you, Senator McCortney, for your friendship and everything you do.

Senator Thompson, I once served as Vice Chair of Appropriations, and I saw up close and personal how demanding the job of the Chair of Appropriations is. I truly believe that we have the best appropriations chair in state history serving in that capacity now. He is a workhorse. He is tireless. You're a problem solver. Sometimes he solves a problem before I even know they exist! I trust you one hundred percent but most of all I appreciate your friendship to Maressa and I, you're an amazing person and I appreciate everything you do.

To Senator Kay Floyd, thank you. I don't know if everyone in this building, this chamber, the people listening, realize that what she did today, what we've done two times prior by seconding my nomination, is not some requirement, or tradition of the Senate, it's not necessarily always been the case, I don't take it for granted, my relationship with the democratic leader. You do a wonderful job leading your caucus and I appreciate your intellect, your honesty, your integrity, and your friendship. Thank you.

For Colleagues of both parties, especially those of you who were just elected. Welcome to the Oklahoma State Senate, Happy New Year, and welcome to the Fifty-ninth Legislature. It's an honor of a lifetime to serve in this capacity as President Pro Tempore. I love our State and I love the Oklahoma Senate. I'm only the forty-fourth person to hold this title and I don't take it for granted. Thank you for trusting me.

Recently we have accomplished much together:

We ended the Department of Human Services DDSD Waiting List by appropriating \$32.5 million additional dollars last year to help the over 5100 Oklahoma Families awaiting services for their loved ones, sometimes for as long as 13 years! I am proud to report that this work is well underway both within DHS and the provider community. What we do here makes a difference.

When we received federal ARPA funds, we worked judiciously not just in the Senate, but across the rotunda with our colleagues in the House to make sure that the money was appropriated to the right projects, while implementing the safeguards to avoid any kind of future federal claw back.

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Through the ARPA process, we put historic projects into motion that will have a generational impact on Oklahomans. I am proud to say it was one of the most inclusive and transparent processes I have been a part of since my time in the Senate. It truly will serve as a roadmap for us moving forward.

We made major strategic investments in improvements to our water infrastructure, behavioral health care, public health, workforce development and for broadband internet access across the state. These are all things that Oklahoman's needed. They told us what they needed and we delivered, so we worked together for the benefit of Oklahomans. I don't want it to be lost on people how much work these people that were on the joint committee had to go through, there were countless hours of studying, deliberation, and just analyzing. We had many more requests than we had money to give so I just want to take a moment to thank you all by name:

Senator Roger Thompson, Co-Chair Senator Chuck Hall Senator Kay Floyd Senator John Haste Senator Brent Howard Senator Julia Kirt Senator Greg McCortney Senator John Michael Montgomery Senator Casey Murdock Senator Lonnie Paxton Senator Adam Pugh Senator Brenda Stanley

Thank you for your dedication over the interim to make sure these projects got chosen correctly and above the board and I appreciate all of you and what you put into this.

Thank you, Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell, for your friendship, it goes way beyond our time in our current offices. You do a tremendous job. Thank you for your friendship.

Our fiscal restraint, prudent leadership, and the ingenuity, creativity and work ethic of Oklahomans has led to a \$3.2 billion dollar surplus. It wasn't that long ago when we were facing a \$600 million dollar shortfall, an \$800 million dollar shortfall and a \$1.3 billion dollar shortfall. The accomplishments that I just mentioned, were just a handful of things that we've been able to do together. When our time in the Senate is done, we will remember the positive impact for our state for years to come.

Over this last interim we had many things going on, not to mention the so called "special" sessions, I want to highlight just a couple today:

Chairman Rader has been working with a strong group on tax reform. He and the working group have been studying and deliberating all summer, fall, and into this winter on

crafting a proposal for long-term, meaningful tax reform for Oklahoma. Thank you, Chairman Rader, and to your working group.

I also want to thank Chairman Pugh for working over the interim, meeting with university presidents, over 200 superintendents, hundreds of teachers, and parents to listen to their concerns and ideas on how the legislature and these groups can work together to improve education. Oklahoma will undoubtedly benefit from your work.

We are also working diligently to address workforce development. The state continues its record of success in terms of getting companies to expand their footprint or relocate to Oklahoma. According to the Department of Commerce, through the first 3 quarters of 2022 there were 62 announcements made for new or expanding companies with roughly 3000 new jobs created. Our future is incredibly bright!

The amount of projects worked on over the interim by members of both parties are too numerous to mention individually but thank you all for your dedication to improving Oklahoma's future.

For a moment, if you will, I want to turn for a moment a bit more reflective:

We are only here for a short while in the whole scheme of things. For most of us that is 12 or fewer years or for some of us were elected in special elections so our sentences may be a bit longer. Last night, I went on the census bureau website and as of July of this year the estimate for Oklahoma's population is 4,019,800. That means that this body is comprised of 0.0012% of Oklahoma's population. We are a select few not because we are special but because we are normal enough to reflect the values and beliefs of our individual districts and abnormal enough to step forward for one of the most intense and grueling job interview processes known to mankind, a campaign. This place can feed your ego, people opening doors for us, calling us by our title (Senator, Chairman, Mr. President, Mr. Leader, etc), laughing at our subpar jokes, sitting us in front of rooms in our communities and ceding to us "experts" on topics we just recently learned about. But it can also eat you up the irate phone call, the email that begins with a slur and ends with a threat, the protestors following you down the hall yelling at you and trying to coax your kids into the argument, the social media keyboard warriors, the time away from family, the intensity, and the emotion of arguments within this building that oftentimes no one is talking about away from 23rd and Lincoln.

My charge to all of us is to remember we aren't nearly as special as some of us think or want to believe and we aren't nearly as bad as many believe us to be. We are average Oklahomans sent here to serve Oklahoma.

We are all-too-average, all-too-ordinary, with an extraordinary calling, a literal calling to put others ahead of ourselves, to listen to the citizens that sent us here, to plant the proverbial trees that we may very well never be able to enjoy the shade that they one day will produce.

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Even as I speak these words, I am reminded of my favorite C.S. Lewis quote that there are no ordinary people, even though I just called us ordinary, "There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously - no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption". I ask your forgiveness, where I have fallen short of this reality and where I where I will fall in the future.

Thank you for the honor of serving as the Pro Tem for the last four years and for entrusting me for another two years to lead the Senate of the greatest state in the union.

Every productive meeting should have action items so I'm going to ask a few of you:

Come up and give unsolicited advice to my now candidate wife – things like "you should be campaigning not sitting here!", things that you've told me a million times over. Being on this side is so much more fun.

My parent's, I thought when I wrote this, that my mom would be here, now I'll say my dad, is a bit introverted so please get him out of his comfort zone. Tell my dad happy birthday and wish him a happy anniversary. It's extremely special him here today. I'll end with two things about my parents:

First, about my mom, she poured her life into her three boys. She sacrificed for our future. She has a tremendous sense of humor and a heart for everyone. I don't tell you often enough how appreciative I am and how much I love you. Thank you, Mom. I truly do love you.

Now to my dad. My dad worked his tail off, you still work your tail off, providing for our family. Growing up he told me and my brothers "I'm going to tell you something that I don't want you to ever forget"...(he'd always have add a dramatic pause followed with) "I love you!". I don't recall a day he failed to say that me that and it meant the world to me. It still means the world to me. But he also taught me, while hunting and fishing, to always leave the place better that you found it and that's my charge to us to leave the place better than we found it. To leave the Oklahoma Senate better than we found it and to leave Oklahoma better than we found it. That's our mission plain and simple, leave the place better than we found it.

Thank you and God bless the great state of Oklahoma!

#### SENATE RULES

Senator McCortney moved that the proposed Rules, as distributed, be adopted as the Rules for the Fifty-ninth Legislature, which motion was declared adopted upon roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Matthews, McCortney, Montgomery, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver and Woods.--44.

Nay: Boren, Dahm, Kirt and Young.--4.

The Senate Rules for the Fifty-ninth Legislature read as follows:

# SENATE RULES FOR THE FIFTY-<del>EIGHTH</del> <u>NINTH</u> OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE (<del>2021 - 2022</del> <u>2023-2024</u>)

#### BEING THE STANDING RULES FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS OF THE STATE SENATE OF OKLAHOMA, FIFTY-<del>EIGHTH</del> <u>NINTH</u> OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE (<del>2021-2022</del> <u>2023-2024</u>)

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# **RULE 1: AUTHORITY, APPLICATION, PURPOSE, INTERPRETATION AND AMENDMENT OF THE RULES**

**RULE 1-1. AUTHORITY AND APPLICATION.** The Oklahoma State Senate hereby adopts these rules pursuant to the authority of Section 30 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution. Upon adoption by a majority of the members of the Senate unless and until amended, the following rules shall be the rules for the conduct of business by the Senate.

**RULE 1-2. PURPOSE.** The purpose of the rules is to provide the members of the Senate with uniform, easily understood procedures for the conduct of business.

**RULE 1-3. INTERPRETATION.** When the Senate is in daily session, interpretation of the rules shall be made by the President Pro Tempore or by an elected member of the Senate designated by the President Pro Tempore as Presiding Officer pursuant to Rule 2-4; when a committee is meeting, interpretation of the rules shall be made by the Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice-Chair, of the committee; and at all other times interpretation of the rules shall be made by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Such interpretations shall be final unless an appeal of a ruling is made successfully pursuant to Rule 9-14.

**RULE 1-4. AMENDMENT.** Any Senate Rule may be amended upon two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate.

**RULE 1-5. SUSPENSION.** Except as provided in subsection D of Rule 8-2, subsection C of Rule 8-30 or paragraph 6 of Rule 8-32, any Senate Rule may be suspended upon two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate.

**RULE 1-6.** MASON'S MANUAL. For matters not specifically covered under the Senate Rules, the person making an interpretation of the Rules pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1-3 may apply the provisions of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure.

# **RULE 2: SENATE OFFICERS**

RULE 2-1. OFFICERS. Officers of the Senate shall be:

The President, who shall be the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Oklahoma;

The President Pro Tempore, who shall be the Presiding Officer of the Senate;

Such other officers as may be designated by the Majority and Minority caucuses; provided, the Majority Caucus shall designate one officer who shall serve as acting President Pro Tempore in the event that the President Pro Tempore vacates the office on a temporary basis. If the President Pro Tempore shall vacate the office on a permanent basis, the officer so designated by the Majority Caucus shall serve as acting President Pro Tempore until such time as the Senate shall elect a new President Pro Tempore; The Secretary, who shall not be a member of the Senate; and

The Sergeant at Arms, who shall not be a member of the Senate. The Sergeant shall serve at the pleasure of the Senate and shall be appointed to his or her office by the Secretary of the Senate.

**RULE 2-2. ELECTION.** Pursuant to the provisions of Section 28 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, the President Pro Tempore shall be elected by a majority of the members of the Senate when the Senate convenes on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each odd-numbered year. The Secretary of the Senate shall be elected by a majority of the members following the election of the President Pro Tempore.

**RULE 2-3. TERMS.** The terms of all member officers of the Senate shall begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each odd-numbered year and such officers shall hold office until their successors are chosen or conclusion of their term of office in the Senate, whichever is earlier; provided, however, that the designee of the Majority Caucus for the office of President Pro Tempore and the designee of the Minority Caucus for the office of Minority Floor Leader shall assume the duties of and have the full authority of their respective offices on the fifteenth day following the General Election.

#### RULE 2-4. DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE.

A. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. The President Pro Tempore shall be the chief executive officer of the Senate and shall prescribe all policies not otherwise provided by law or by the rules.

**B. PRESIDING OFFICER.** The President Pro Tempore shall serve as Presiding Officer of the Senate during its daily sessions but may in writing designate other members of the Senate to serve as Presiding Officers at such times as the President Pro Tempore deems appropriate. Wherever the title "Presiding Officer" appears in the rules it shall mean the President Pro Tempore or an elected member of the Senate designated by the President Pro Tempore as Presiding Officer.

*C. REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES.* The President Pro Tempore may refer any matter concerning exercise of the Senate's discretionary powers and duties under Section 30 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution to a standing committee or select committee, as the President Pro Tempore deems appropriate.

**D.** LEADERSHIP STAFF. The President Pro Tempore shall be entitled to employ a leadership staff, one of whom shall be designated as the "Chief of Staff." Leadership staff shall serve at the discretion of, for such compensation pursuant to law as may be determined by, and perform such duties as prescribed by, the President Pro Tempore.

*E. MANDATORY AUDIT*. The President Pro Tempore shall cause an audit of the Senate's expenditures to be made at least once each fiscal year.

*F. PHYSICAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT. The President Pro Tempore shall* be responsible for the physical property of the Senate and for that portion of the Capitol assigned to the Senate.

*G.* SENATE LOUNGE AND ANTEROOMS. The President Pro Tempore may prescribe policies restricting the use of the Senate lounge and any rooms adjoining the lounge or the Senate chamber.

*H.* SAFETY AND SECURITY. The President Pro Tempore is hereby authorized to take such actions as he or she may deem necessary to ensure the safety and security of the members and staff of the Senate and the public.

**RULE 2-5. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE.** The President Pro Tempore shall determine the duties to be performed for the Senate by the Secretary of the Senate. The Secretary of the Senate shall ensure all official records of the proceedings of the Senate and its committees shall be open for public inspection during regular office hours.

# **RULE 3: MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE**

**RULE 3-1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE**. Pursuant to Section 9A of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, the Senate shall maintain forty-eight Senate districts.

#### RULE 3-2. JUDGING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS MEMBERS;

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**. Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 30 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, the Senate shall be the judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of its own members, may punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds, expel a member. All questions and disputes on the elections, returns and qualifications of a person elected to the Office of Senator shall be the final jurisdiction of the Senate. A sitting member of the Senate contesting the election, returns and qualifications of a Senator or person certified by the State Election Board to serve as a Senator shall file the challenge with the Secretary of the Senate. The Senate shall dispose of all challenges or contests in an expeditious manner.

**RULE 3-3. ATTENDANCE**. Except as otherwise provided in subsection D of Rule 8-2, a member of the Senate not present during the roll call of Senators shall only be marked as present if the Senator casts a vote in committee or otherwise informs the Secretary of the Senate he or she is present in person in the Senate Chamber. A member of the Senate who is absent from a daily session shall be shown as "excused."

**RULE 3-4. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS.** Each member of the Senate shall be entitled to designate an executive assistant. Executive assistants shall serve at the discretion of, and perform such duties as prescribed by, the individual member of the Senate for whom employed, subject to such policies as may be established by the President Pro Tempore.

### **RULE 4: SENATE EMPLOYEES**

**RULE 4-1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER.** The President Pro Tempore shall designate a Chief Operating Officer to be responsible for duties not assigned to the Secretary of the Senate.

- 1. The Chief Operating Officer, under direction of the President Pro Tempore, shall be authorized to perform routine repairs, maintenance and upkeep on that property and facilities entrusted to the Senate for upkeep and maintenance.
- 2. The Chief Operating Officer, under direction of the President Pro Tempore, may issue credentials to representatives of the news media and may limit access to the Press Gallery to those members of the news media holding such credentials.

**RULE 4-2. COMPTROLLER**. The Senate shall have an employee acting as Comptroller who shall report to the Chief Operating Officer. The Comptroller shall be responsible for the issuance of all warrants and vouchers and the maintenance of an accurate account of expenditures by the Senate.

**RULE 4-3. SERVICE STAFF**. As authorized in Section 271 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which prescribes the Senate as the sole judge of the number, duties and compensation of its employees, the Chief Operating Officer, subject to the review and supervision of the President Pro Tempore, shall be authorized to employ service staff. Service staff shall be employed according to policies established by the President Pro Tempore and shall receive such compensation pursuant to law as may be determined by, and perform such duties as prescribed by, the President Pro Tempore.

# **RULE 5: CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS**

**RULE 5-1. LEGISLATIVE CONDUCT**. Every Senator shall conduct himself or herself to justify the confidence placed in him or her by the people and, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, shall maintain the integrity and responsibility of his or her office.

**RULE 5-2. DECORUM.** The decorum of members of the Senate and employees of the Senate during the daily sessions of the Senate shall be determined by the Rules of the Senate and shall be enforced by the Presiding Officer.

**RULE 5-3. SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.** The use of Senate supplies and equipment is restricted to official Senate business. Questions of compliance shall be resolved by the President Pro Tempore or, at the discretion of the President Pro Tempore, the Rules Committee.

**RULE 5-4. LOBBYISTS.** All lobbying activities in the Senate shall be governed and regulated by law and by the Rules of the Senate.

#### RULE 5-5. CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS.

A. On the floor during session, appropriate business professional attire, including a suit jacket/blazer, shall be worn by all members of the Senate and other persons granted privileges of the floor, unless otherwise authorized by the President Pro Tempore or Majority Floor Leader. Male members shall wear a tie. Jeans are not considered appropriate business professional attire.

B. Complaints pertaining to employees should be made to the proper authority rather than to the individual. Under no circumstances should complaints pertaining to employees be made on the floor of the Senate, in committee meetings or in other public forums.

C. On the floor during session and in committee, members should endeavor to be congenial and complimentary. Members should avoid personal attacks and dealing in personalities. During public occasions away from the Capitol, members should endeavor to keep personalities out of their discussions and deal with programs, not personalities.

D. The consumption of alcohol is forbidden in the chamber, and any member who is in the chamber in an intoxicated state will be removed by security personnel.

E. It is beneath the dignity of the Senate for members to consume food products in the chamber. Beverages may be consumed from cups of a solid color, and no larger than twenty ounces in size. Cups may reflect the seal of the State of Oklahoma but shall not include a logo.

F. It is beneath the dignity of the Senate for a member to sit upon a desk, or to place his or her feet upon a desk in the chamber.

G. While a Senator is speaking, no Senator should enter into any disturbing private conversation or pass between the speaking Senator and the Presiding Officer. Profane, obscene, or indecent language is discouraged in the Senate and in all standing or special committees of the Senate. The use of cellular telephones, pagers or other audible electronic devices during formal Senate proceedings, either on the floor of the Senate or in committee, is discouraged. No Senator shall record or broadcast, or allow any other person to record or broadcast, any Senate floor proceedings without the express approval of the President Pro Tempore or Majority Floor Leader.

H. A Senator shall address other members with the title "Senator" when addressing one another during formal Senate proceedings either on the floor of the Senate or in committee.

I. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question unless said member is physically present on the floor of the Senate at the time the vote is taken, except as provided in subsection D of Rule 8-2 or as may be provided in subsection B of Rule 8-31.

J. The President Pro Tempore or the Majority Floor Leader shall designate those Senate employees who shall be granted privileges of the floor during any session of the Senate, said employees to be limited to those whose work requires their presence. Any member desiring to bring a guest to the floor of the Senate shall first notify the Majority Floor Leader. No such guest shall enter the chamber until privileges of the floor have been granted pursuant to Rule 8-7.

K. No person other than a member of the Senate shall cause materials to be distributed on each desk in the Senate chamber without first having obtained approval by the Majority Floor Leader. The sponsoring Senator will be identified. Any material so distributed shall be considered a public record from the time of such distribution.

L. <u>No member shall display any sign, picture, photograph, placard, or similar item</u> upon his or her desk in the Senate chamber which could be seen as making a statement to other members in the chamber, the public, or visitors in the gallery. Upon request of the Presiding Officer or the Majority Floor Leader, the Senator shall remove the item.

<u>M.</u> Any member who feels that the standards of the Senate are being violated by either a member of the Senate or the staff should seek redress by submitting a complaint to the President Pro Tempore concerning the violation.

## **RULE 6: LEGISLATION**

#### **Chapter 1: General Provisions**

**RULE 6-1. LEGISLATION.** Legislation to be considered by the Senate shall be limited to Senate Bills, Senate Joint Resolutions, Senate Concurrent Resolutions, Senate Resolutions, House Bills, House Joint Resolutions and House Concurrent Resolutions.

**RULE 6-2. INTRODUCTION.** Except as may be limited by Rule 6-22, Senate Bills, Senate Joint Resolutions, Senate Concurrent Resolutions and Senate Resolutions may be introduced at any time beginning on the fifteenth day of November of each even-numbered year and ending at the time of sine die adjournment of the Second Session during the following even-numbered year. Legislation may be introduced by presentation to the Secretary of the Senate, together with as many copies as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Senate. Each Senate Bill or Resolution shall be assigned a number by the Secretary of the Senate. House Bills, House Joint Resolutions and House Concurrent Resolutions may be introduced upon receipt of a message from the House of Representatives advising passage and engrossment of the measure.

**RULE 6-3. FORM.** No legislation shall be introduced in the Senate, except for House Bills, House Joint Resolutions and House Concurrent Resolutions, unless that legislation shall include a Title and an Enacting or Resolving Clause.

**RULE 6-4. RESTRICTIONS.** Senate Concurrent Resolutions, Senate Resolutions and House Concurrent Resolutions shall be considered only for the following purposes:

1. Memorializing Congress, the President of the United States, or an executive agency of the federal government;

2. Communicating with another entity of state government, or a subdivision thereof;

- 3. Expressing legislative intent;
- 4. Expressing policies of the Senate; and
- 5. Such other purposes specifically approved by the President Pro Tempore.

**RULE 6-5. AUTHORS AND COAUTHORS.** After introduction in the Senate of any bill or resolution, no Senator or Representative shall be shown or removed as author or coauthor on the face of the bill or resolution unless the Senator or Representative shall submit a written or electronic request to be so shown to the Secretary of the Senate or person designated by the Secretary of the Senate. The change in authorship shall be shown on the face of the next official version of the bill or resolution; provided, however, a printed substitute for or an electronic version of a bill or resolution may show in parentheses, and the electronic voting machine may display immediately, any author or coauthor changes that have been submitted.

While a Senate Bill, Senate Joint Resolution or Senate Concurrent Resolution is within the physical control of the Senate, the principal Senate author of the bill or resolution shall have full and complete discretion in determining who the principal House author of the bill or resolution shall be.

**RULE 6-6. DISTRIBUTION OF LEGISLATION.** No legislation or amendment shall be considered by the Senate unless a copy has been distributed to the desks of all members of the Senate, or has been made available to all members electronically, on a legislative day previous to consideration of the legislation.

**RULE 6-7. FINAL ACTION.** If final action is such as to defeat an amendment, a bill or a resolution, no other amendment, bill or resolution having the same effect and covering the same specific or substantially similar subject matter shall be considered by the Senate during either session of the current Legislature, unless otherwise approved by the President Pro Tempore. Action constituting "final action" includes:

1. Failure of the motion "Do Pass" or "Do Pass as Amended" on a vote in a committee, and the failure of the motion of "Do Pass" or "Do Pass as Amended" is not subject to reconsideration;

2. If a vote is taken on Third Reading or Fourth Reading and the measure fails to receive the required number of votes for passage, and

- a. no notice is served to reconsider the vote,
- b. a motion to reconsider the vote fails to prevail or expires, or
- c. a motion to table the motion to reconsider prevails; or

3. In the case of an amendment, if the amendment fails to receive the required number of votes for adoption or if a motion to table prevails. A motion to adopt House amendments to a Senate bill or resolution shall not be considered final action, except as provided in Senate Rule 8-26.

#### **RULE 6-8. FINANCIAL IMPACT VERIFICATION.**

A. No amendment, bill or resolution which creates or expands a requirement for insurance coverage provided to state employees by a state agency shall be considered by the Senate or any committee thereof unless such amendment, bill or resolution is accompanied by documentation of the fiscal impact of the proposal on the policyholders and the state agency. The President Pro Tempore shall prescribe procedures for such documentation to be obtained from the Office of Management and Enterprise Services or the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, as applicable.

The Chair of a committee to which a bill or resolution subject to the provisions of this subsection is assigned may request the Majority Floor Leader to suspend the provisions of paragraph 4 or 6 of subsection A or paragraph 4 or 6 of subsection B of Rule 6-22; provided, any such suspension shall not suspend or affect any of the remaining dates set forth in Rule 6-22.

B. No amendment, bill or resolution which creates a direct fiscal impact on state tax revenues shall be considered by the Senate or any committee thereof unless such amendment, bill or resolution is accompanied by documentation of the fiscal impact of such amendment, bill or resolution. The President Pro Tempore shall prescribe procedures for such documentation to be obtained from the Oklahoma Tax Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 118 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or from another source as designated by the President Pro Tempore.

C. No amendment, bill or resolution affecting a retirement system, as such term is defined in the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act, shall be considered by the Senate or any committee thereof unless such amendment, bill or resolution has been submitted to the legislative actuary as provided in the Act, at the direction of the chair of the committee to which such legislation is referred.

**RULE 6-9. NAMING OF STATE ASSETS.** No amendment, bill or resolution shall be considered by the Senate or any committee thereof which names, dedicates or otherwise memorializes any highway, bridge, state asset or facility unless the persons proposed to be so honored shall have been deceased not less than three (3) years prior to consideration. The prohibition in this rule shall not apply to the naming of highways and bridges on the state

highway system designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces, members of law enforcement or firefighters fallen in the performance of their duties. The prohibition in this rule shall also not apply to the naming of highways and bridges on the state highway system designed to honor Medal of Honor recipients both living and deceased. Every amendment, bill and resolution for the dedication of any highway, bridge, other state asset or facility must specifically state the accomplishments upon which the proposal is based.

### **Chapter 2: Legislation Requests and Filing**

**RULE 6-20. RIGHTS TO PROPOSE LEGISLATION.** A Senator shall have the right to introduce legislation at any time without regard to any deadlines which have been placed by rule. Bills filed after the deadlines prescribed in Rule 6-22 must be subject to a change in authorship, however, as outlined in Rule 6-23.

**RULE 6-21. SHELL BILLS PROHIBITED.** No bill <u>or joint resolution</u> (also known as a "shell bill") shall be filed which fails to effectuate a substantive change in policy.

#### RULE 6-22. DEADLINES FOR BILLS.

A. During the First Regular Session of the 58th 59th Oklahoma Legislature, the Senate shall adhere to the following legislative procedure schedule:

1. The First Regular Session of the 58th 59th Oklahoma Legislature shall convene at twelve noon on January 5, 2021 January 3, 2023, for the purpose only of performing the duties set forth in Section 5 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution and organizing pursuant to the provisions of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, and shall recess no later than five p.m. on that same day until February 1, 2021 February 6, 2023, beginning at twelve noon.

2. December 11, 2020 December 9, 2022, shall be the final date for requesting the drafting of bills or joint resolutions in the Senate for introduction for consideration during the First Regular Session.

3. January 21, 2021 January 19, 2023, shall be the final date for introduction of bills and joint resolutions in the Senate for consideration on the floor of the Senate during the First Regular Session. Bills and joint resolutions subsequently introduced if reported from committee, shall not be placed on the Calendar for consideration in the Senate until the first legislative day of the Second Regular Session<del>, except as otherwise provided for in Rule 6-23</del>.

4. February 25, 2021 March 2, 2023, shall be the final legislative day for reporting Senate bills and Senate joint resolutions from committee in the Senate. Bills and joint resolutions subsequently reported from committee shall not be placed on the Calendar for consideration in the Senate until the first legislative day of the Second Regular Session, except as otherwise provided for in Rule 6 23.

5. March 11, 2021 March 23, 2023, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a Senate bill or Senate joint resolution in the Senate.

6. April 8, 2021 <u>April 13, 2023</u>, shall be the final legislative day for reporting House bills and House joint resolutions from committee in the Senate. Bills and joint resolutions subsequently reported from Committee shall not be placed on the Calendar for consideration in the Senate until the first legislative day of the Second Regular Session<del>,</del> except as otherwise provided for in Rule 6-23.

7. April 22, 2021 <u>April 27, 2023</u>, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a House bill or a House joint resolution in the Senate.

8. The First Regular Session shall adjourn sine die not later than five p.m. on May 28, 2021 May 26, 2023.

9. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Senate, a bill or joint resolution can be exempt from all deadline dates in the Senate.

B. During the Second Regular Session of the 58th 59th Oklahoma Legislature, the Senate shall adhere to the following legislative procedure schedule:

1. <u>December 10, 2021</u> <u>December 8, 2023</u>, shall be the final date for requesting the drafting of bills or joint resolutions in the Senate for introduction for consideration during the Second Regular Session.

2. January 20, 2022 January 18, 2024, shall be the final date for introduction of bills and joint resolutions in the Senate for consideration on the floor of the Senate during the Second Regular Session.

3. The Second Regular Session of the 58th 59th Oklahoma Legislature shall convene at twelve o'clock noon on February 7, 2022 February 5, 2024.

4. March 3, 2022 February 29, 2024, shall be the final legislative day for reporting Senate bills and Senate joint resolutions from committee in the Senate, except as otherwise provided for in Rule 6-23.

5. March 17, 2022 March 21, 2024, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a Senate bill or a Senate joint resolution in the Senate.

6. April 14, 2022 April 11, 2024, shall be the final legislative day for reporting a House bill or a House joint resolution from committee in the Senate, except as otherwise provided for in Rule 6 23.

7. April 28, 2022 April 25, 2024, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a House bill or a House joint resolution in the Senate.

8. The Second Regular Session shall adjourn sine die not later than five p.m. on May 27, 2022 May 31, 2024.

9. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Senate, a bill or joint resolution can be exempt from all deadline dates in the Senate.

C. This rule shall be inapplicable to any:

1. Joint resolution introduced for the purpose of disapproving or approving agency rules pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act as set forth in Section 250 et seq. of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or for the purpose of disapproving or approving standards adopted by the State Board of Education as set forth in Section 11-103.6a-1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

2. Bill introduced for the purposes of incorporation and merging different versions of a statute amended in more than one measure at the same or different sessions of the Legislature as set forth in Section 23.1 of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3. Bill or joint resolution introduced for the purpose of approving, disapproving, repealing or modifying rules of the Ethics Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution;

4. Bill or joint resolution which proposes a special or local law and for which notice of intended introduction is published in a newspaper for four consecutive weeks pursuant to the provisions of Section 32 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution;

5. Bill or joint resolution authored by the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations and Budget Committee which affects the receipt, expenditure or budgeting of state funds or funds under the control of an entity created by state law; or

6. Bill or joint resolution authored by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which is deemed by them to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety;

7. Bill or joint resolution authored by committee(s) pursuant to Rule 6-23; or

8. Bill or joint resolution authored by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which provides for redistricting.

D. Paragraph 3 of subsection A and paragraph 2 of subsection B of this rule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint resolution which contains an "RB" number pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act. Such measures shall be submitted to the legislative actuary not later than the date specified in such paragraphs, and may be introduced not later than the first Monday in February following such submission.

#### **RULE 6-23. COMMITTEE AUTHORSHIP OF BILLS**

A. A member who introduces legislation after the deadlines established in Rule 6-22 may file the legislation and upon assignment by the Majority Floor Leader to committee may ask the committee Chair to allow for the measure to be heard as a measure authored by the committee. Upon majority vote of the committee, the authorship of the measure shall be transferred to the committee from the individual Senator and the deadlines established in Rule 6-22 shall not be applicable. In the event a measure is dually assigned, each committee must agree to assume authorship for the deadlines to not apply.

B. Measures authored by committee shall be exempt from the House author requirements found in subsection G of Rule 7-7. A measure authored by a committee may be heard on General Order and passed on Third Reading without a House author. No individual members, including the original author, may co-author a measure so introduced.

# **RULE 6-24.** PENDING LEGISLATION AT ADJOURNMENT OF FIRST REGULAR SESSION.

A. Any bill or joint resolution pending in the Senate at the final adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 58th 59th Oklahoma Legislature shall carry over to the Second Regular Session with the same status as if there had been no adjournment. Bills and joint resolutions pending in a Conference Committee at such time shall not carry over to the Second Regular Session of the 58th 59th Oklahoma Legislature.

B. Simple and concurrent resolutions pending in the Senate at the final adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 58th 59th Oklahoma Legislature shall not carry over for consideration during the Second Regular Session.

#### **RULE 7: COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE PROCEDURE**

**RULE 7-1. TYPES AND NUMBER.** There shall be two types of Senate committees established by the President Pro Tempore: standing committees and select committees. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of each standing committee and of each select committee.

The President Pro Tempore may establish, and appoint the members of, as many ad hoc subcommittees of each standing committee as the President Pro Tempore deems appropriate. There shall be as many select committees as are created by the President Pro Tempore.

**RULE 7-2. MEMBERSHIP.** Membership on standing committees and on select committees shall be subject to the following:

1. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Senate, the Majority Caucus members and the Chair and Vice-Chair of each standing committee.

2. The Minority Floor Leader shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Senate, the Minority Caucus members of each standing committee, other than a Minority Caucus member who is appointed as a Chair or Vice-Chair of a committee by the President Pro Tempore.

3. Membership of standing committees shall be approved by a majority vote of members of the Senate. In the event of a vacancy or extended absence of a member of the Senate, a replacement member may be appointed by the President Pro Tempore or the Minority Floor Leader, as appropriate. Any such appointment shall be approved by a majority vote of members of the Senate.

4. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint all members of select committees.

5. The President Pro Tempore and Majority Floor Leader shall each be ex-officio and voting members of all standing and select Senate committees.

**RULE 7-3. DUTIES OF THE RULES COMMITTEE.** The Rules Committee shall determine any policies of the Senate submitted to it by the President Pro Tempore.

**RULE 7-4. DUTIES OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES.** Each legislative committee shall be responsible for the formulation of legislative programs and determination of non-legislative matters within the jurisdiction prescribed by the President Pro Tempore; shall inquire into the administration and execution of all laws and administrative rules within the same jurisdiction; shall consider such proposals as may be submitted to the committee by the President Pro Tempore; and shall be responsible for the continuing codification of all laws within the prescribed jurisdiction.

**RULE 7-5. DUTIES OF SELECT COMMITTEES.** Select committees shall be responsible for such duties as are prescribed at the time of their formation. No select committee shall be formed without its duties being expressly stated at the time of its formation. If a select committee is appointed for the purpose of conducting an investigation, the Senator requesting the investigation shall not serve as Chair of the committee.

**RULE 7-6. AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEES.** Any Senate committee is authorized to issue process, compel attendance of witnesses, and to administer oaths to any person appearing before the committee. Any Senate committee which considers legislation is empowered to consolidate bills or resolutions, to develop committee substitutes for such bills or resolutions, to amend such bills or resolutions and to develop a committee bill or resolution irrespective of any other legislation.

**RULE 7-7. PROCEDURES.** The following procedures shall be observed by all legislative committees of the Senate:

*A. MEETING NOTICES*. Subject to such exceptions as are provided hereinafter, committees of the Senate shall comply with provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. A copy of all notices required by said Act shall be provided to the Chief Operating Officer,

who shall designate the appropriate place for such notices to be posted. The Chief Operating Officer shall cause the notice to be posted on the Senate web site and shall take such other actions as may be deemed appropriate to provide adequate notice to the public.

**B. MEETING TIMES**. The Chair of a committee shall schedule meetings of the committee. Meetings at a time other than the regularly scheduled meeting time of a committee shall not conflict with any regularly scheduled meeting of any other committee, except with the consent of the President Pro Tempore.

*C. AGENDA*. The agenda for any meeting of a committee shall be set by the Chair and shall include the date, time and place of the meeting. A copy of the agenda shall be provided to members of the committee and to authors of legislation to be considered by the committee at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting unless otherwise approved by the President Pro Tempore. An agenda for a meeting scheduled to meet prior to or during the first three days of session may reflect a measure for which assignment to the committee is anticipated, and the committee may act upon the measure; provided, if the measure is not assigned to the committee during the first three days of session, any committee action on the measure taken prior to or during those days shall be of no force or effect.

**D. QUORUM**. A quorum shall be present when any committee votes on any matter. Any member of a committee may request a quorum call at any time the committee is meeting. A number equal to a majority of the appointed members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

*E. PRESIDING OFFICER*. The Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice-Chair, of the committee, or a designee, shall preside at meetings of the committee. No person shall address the committee unless first recognized for that purpose. If the Chair selects a designee, the designee must be a member of the committee.

*F. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS*. When considering legislation or conducting other business, committees shall observe the following procedures:

1. When a legislative measure is taken up for consideration, the Senate author shall be recognized for explanation of the measure.

2. Upon prior approval given by the Chair of the committee and subject to time restraints established by the Chair, any testimony from non-members of the committee in favor and/or opposed to the measure may be given. Upon completion of the testimony, each member of the committee may put questions to those testifying before the committee. No testimony shall be given unless questions are made available to the members of the committee.

3. The Senate author shall be given the opportunity to answer questions put by members of the committee.

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4. The Senate author or any member of the committee shall be provided the opportunity for presentation of amendments to the legislation. Amendments to any bill or resolution under consideration by a committee or subcommittee shall be germane to the subject of the introduced bill or resolution. Any amendment must be seconded to receive further consideration. A committee or subcommittee is prohibited from considering a committee substitute or committee amendment that has the same effect and covering the same specific or substantially similar subject matter found in a bill or resolution assigned to a different Senate committee. Provided, the Senate author or any member of the committee offering a committee substitute must submit the proposed committee substitute in writing or electronically to the Chair no later than noon on the legislative day before the meeting of the committee. The Chair may, at his or her discretion, waive the deadline set forth in this rule. When a committee and the committee substitute shall be considered a public record from the time of such approval.

5. Amendments and motions may be adopted by a voice vote; provided, however, that the Senate author, or any member of the committee, may require a roll call vote.

6. Amendments shall be considered in the order they appear in the legislation, or in the order they are presented to the clerk of the committee; provided, an amendment to restore the title or enacting clause shall be considered after disposition of all other amendments. The Chair or other member presiding shall resolve any conflict resulting from claimed priority of presentation.

7. The author of an amendment shall explain the amendment and be afforded the opportunity to answer questions about the amendment put by members of the committee or the author of the legislation.

8. Any member may be recognized for debate or comment on the proposed legislation or amendments thereto. Debate may be limited at the discretion of the Chair or other member presiding, provided that equal time must be given to both proponent and opponent sides of debate.

9. The legislation may be laid on the table at the request of the author or at his or her discretion without a vote of the committee to do so <u>at any time prior to the question</u> <u>being put for committee recommendation on the legislation</u>. The legislation may be brought back up later in the same or subsequent meetings of the committee provided it is listed on the agenda in compliance with this rule. If the legislation is brought up at a subsequent meeting, consideration of the legislation will recommence with explanation of the measure.

10. The vote on a recommendation by the committee to the Senate concerning a legislative measure shall be by recorded roll call and shall require a majority vote of the members of the committee present and voting, which shall not be less than a quorum, for passage. The only permitted recommendations to the Senate on a legislative measure are "DO PASS" or "DO PASS, AS AMENDED". During any roll call, only a Senator present in the committee room may vote, and every Senator present shall vote. The chair shall

request every Senator in the committee room who is a member of the committee and who has not voted to vote. <u>Any Senator choosing to pass upon initial roll call, shall be called on to vote prior to the Vice Chair, then Chair being called on to vote, in advance of closing the committee roll call vote.</u> If any Senator so requested fails to vote, other than as provided in Section 24 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, the chair shall, upon declaring the roll, order that said Senator be shown as voting "NO" on the question. Said "NO" vote shall be included in the determination of the passage or failure of the Oklahoma Constitution, the Senator shall so inform the chair. In such event, the Senator shall be deemed to be present but not voting, and that Senator's vote shall not be included in the determination of the passage or failure of the motion of "DO PASS" or "DO PASS, AS AMENDED" shall result in failure of the motion of "DO PASS" or "DO PASS, AS AMENDED", and a notation of any member not voting as provided in Section 24 of Article of the motion. All committee votes reflecting the votes of each member present and voting on the motion of "DO PASS" or "DO PASS, AS AMENDED", and a notation of any member not voting as provided in Section 24 of Article V of the Oklahoma.

*G. LEGISLATION REQUIREMENTS*. Except for legislation containing appropriations, all legislation originating in the Senate which is considered by a Senate committee shall contain an Enacting or Resolving Clause, and a House author at the discretion of the Chair.

*H. SUBCOMMITTEES*. The Chair may assign to any subcommittee any legislation, proposal or inquiry; provided, however, no subcommittee shall be permitted to report directly to the Senate, but rather shall report to the parent committee.

*I. DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS.* No person shall cause materials to be distributed at any committee meeting without first having obtained approval of the Chair. The person causing the materials to be distributed shall be identified in writing on the face of such materials. Any document or other material distributed to all members of a committee of the Senate during a meeting which is open to the public shall be considered a public record from the time of such distribution.

**RULE 7-8. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.** The President Pro Tempore shall appoint members of the Senate to serve on conference committees with members of the House of Representatives at such times and in such numbers as the President Pro Tempore deems appropriate.

**RULE 7-9. WITHDRAWAL FROM COMMITTEE.** Any bill or resolution may be withdrawn from any committee of the Senate upon a two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate. Any bill or resolution so withdrawn shall be on General Order. The provisions of this rule shall not prevent a bill or resolution from being reassigned from one committee to another, from being assigned directly to the calendar, or from being double-assigned as provided in Rule 8-21.

### **RULE 8: FLOOR PROCEDURES**

#### **Chapter 1: Galleries, Rights And Privileges**

#### **RULE 8-1. PRESIDING OFFICER'S AUTHORITY.**

A. The Presiding Officer shall maintain order in the Senate. No Senator or other person shall be permitted to address the Senate without first having been recognized by the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer may require a Senator to disclose the purpose of a request for recognition prior to acting upon such request. The Presiding Officer shall immediately recognize the Majority Floor Leader at his or her request notwithstanding the previous request of any other Senator, but otherwise may exercise discretion in granting recognition when more than one Senator seeks recognition.

B. If any Senator or other person permitted to address the Senate, in speaking or otherwise, in the opinion of the Presiding Officer transgresses the rules of the Senate, the Presiding Officer shall, either on his or her own motion or at the request of any other Senator, call him or her to order; and when a Senator shall be called to order he or she shall take his or her seat, and may not proceed without leave of the Senate, which, if granted, shall be upon motion that he or she be allowed to proceed in order, which motion shall be determined without debate. Any Senator directed by the Presiding Officer to take his or her seat, and any Senator requesting the Presiding Officer to require a Senator to take his or her seat, may offer a substitute ruling as provided in Rule 9-14.

#### **RULE 8-2. TIME AND PLACE OF DAILY SESSIONS.**

A. On the first Tuesday following the first Monday in January of each odd numbered year, the Senate shall convene in its chamber on the fourth floor of the Capitol at twelve o'clock noon for the purposes only of performing the duties as required by Section 5 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution and organizing pursuant to the provisions of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution and shall recess not later than five o'clock p.m. of that same day until the following first Monday in February of the same year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon.

B. 1. On the first Monday in February of each year, the Senate shall convene in its chamber on the fourth floor of the Capitol at twelve o'clock noon. Thereafter, the Senate shall meet in daily sessions as necessary in the chamber until sine die adjournment. The time of each daily session shall be announced on the preceding legislative day; provided, however, that in the event no such announcement is made, the Senate shall convene at 1:30 p.m.

2. If the Presiding Officer determines that the Senate cannot convene at the date and time announced for a daily session due to a lack of a quorum as required by Rule 8-4, then the Majority Floor Leader or his or her designee shall announce the date and time of the next daily session in writing to all Senators. The written announcement shall also be recorded in the Senate Journal.

C. The Senate may convene in a location other than its chamber, as designated by the President Pro Tempore and upon informing the Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in the event that the President Pro Tempore determines that an unsafe condition or construction in the State Capitol, a natural disaster or national security emergency prevents the Senate from meeting in its chamber.

D. In the event an emergency exists as outlined in subsection C of this Rule, any determination to meet in another location or in the Senate Chamber that prevents a quorum of Senators from being present to vote or otherwise conduct business, the determination of a member being "present" as specified in Rule 3-3, subsection I of Rule 5-5, paragraph 10 of subsection F in Rule 7-7, subsection B of Rule 8-31, Rule 9-8 and Rule 9-11 shall be defined upon a written agreement of the President Pro Tempore and Minority Floor Leader that includes the duration of the agreement. The agreement shall be recorded in the Senate Journal.

**RULE 8-3. GALLERIES AND HALLWAYS.** The following provisions shall apply with respect to use of and conduct in the Senate gallery and other public areas of the Capitol under the control of the Senate:

1. The President Pro Tempore or a designee is empowered to assign seats in the galleries of the Senate and is empowered to order the galleries and hallways of the Senate cleared to preserve order or to ensure the safety of the members of the Senate;

2. Firearms and weapons are allowed on the Senate floor, in the gallery, or in any Senate area with permission of the Secretary of the Senate;

3. No food or drink shall be allowed in the galleries;

4. No signs shall be allowed in the gallery or committee rooms. No displays which might cause distraction or disturb the decorum of the Senate shall be allowed in the gallery or committee rooms;

5. No cameras or other recording equipment which might cause distraction or disturb the decorum of the Senate shall be allowed in the gallery;

6. Audible expressions of approval or disapproval or other outbursts in the gallery or committee rooms shall not be permitted;

7. Articles carried by visitors may be required to be checked at the door to the galleries or committee rooms by a Senate employee; and

8. Visitors in the galleries, committee rooms and other areas of the Capitol under the control of the Senate shall be required to conduct themselves with dignity and in an orderly fashion. Whenever a violation of the provisions of this section occurs, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to enforce order on his or her own initiative and without any point of order being made by a Senator.

**RULE 8-4. QUORUM.** No business of the Senate shall be conducted without a quorum of its members being in attendance, other than a motion to adjourn, adjourn to a time certain, or operate under call of the Senate pursuant to Rule 9-11, made by the President Pro Tempore or a member designated by the President Pro Tempore. A majority of the members elected to the Senate shall constitute a quorum.

**RULE 8-5. ORDER OF BUSINESS.** The Order of Business for each daily session of the Senate shall be determined by the Majority Floor Leader and shall include:

Prayer Executive Nominations General Order Third Reading House Amendments to Senate Bills and Resolutions Conference Committee Reports Fourth Reading Committee Reports Second Reading First Reading First Reading Other Business

No business shall be considered by the Senate during the daily session unless it has been approved by the Majority Floor Leader or the President Pro Tempore or unless it is otherwise specifically allowed under the Senate rules.

**RULE 8-6. INTRODUCTIONS.** No persons shall be introduced individually in the galleries, except that a member of the Senate may introduce family members. It shall also be permissible to introduce officials from other states and countries or other persons approved in advance by the Majority Floor Leader.

#### **RULE 8-7. PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR.**

A. No person shall be permitted in the Senate chamber or the lobbies at the front or rear of the chamber during the daily sessions of the Senate except:

1. Members, the Secretary of the Senate and former members of the Senate;

- 2. Employees of the Senate designated by the President Pro Tempore;
- 3. Members of the House of Representatives;

4. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor and former Governors and former Lieutenant Governors;

5. Spouses, children and grandchildren of members of the Senate; and

6. Any person who is permitted on the floor by a majority vote of those present.

B. Provided, however, that the above privileges shall exclude any person registered as a lobbyist as provided by law.

C. All persons permitted in the Senate chamber during the daily sessions of the Senate shall conduct themselves in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5-5.

D. No person other than those specified in this rule shall be permitted in the Senate Lounge, unless accompanied by a member of the Senate.

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this rule, the Majority Floor Leader may prohibit any person other than a member of the Senate from entering the Senate chamber or the lobbies at the front or rear of the chamber during the daily sessions of the Senate.

#### **Chapter 2: Legislative Procedure**

**RULE 8-20. FIRST READING.** A bill or resolution shall be considered introduced upon First Reading and shall automatically be advanced to Second Reading.

**RULE 8-21. SECOND READING.** The Second Reading of a bill or resolution shall occur the next legislative day following the First Reading. Upon or after Second Reading of a bill or resolution, the same shall be assigned for committee consideration or assigned directly to the calendar.

<u>1. The President Pro Tempore shall have the authority to assign bills and resolutions</u> to a committee, directly to the calendar, or to change a bill or resolution's assignment to committee. The President Pro Tempore may delegate this authority to the Majority Floor Leader or one or more members of the Senate.

2. All bills <u>or joint resolutions carrying appropriations which are referred to any</u> committee other than the Appropriations Committee shall, immediately upon a report by the committee to which referred, be referred to the Appropriations Committee. Any bill or resolution which is determined to affect the receipt, expenditure or budgeting of state funds or funds under the control of an entity created by state law may be double-assigned to a committee other than the Appropriations Committee or the Finance Committee and then to the Appropriations Committee or Finance Committee.

#### RULE 8-22. GENERAL ORDER.

#### A. PLACEMENT OF MEASURES ON GENERAL ORDER.

1. All bills and resolutions reported by a committee of the Senate or referred directly to the calendar shall be placed on General Order <u>pursuant to the provisions of this subsection</u>.

 $2 \cdot 1$ . When a committee report is filed, the clerk shall indicate on the face of the report the date and time the report was filed.

3. 2. A bill or resolution reported from committee shall be placed on General Order at the beginning of the second legislative day following the legislative day that a committee report is filed.

4. <u>3.</u> Bills and resolutions referred directly to the calendar shall be placed on General Order at the beginning of the legislative day following the day of such referral.

5.4. A list of bills and resolutions on General Order, including a copy of the text of such bills and resolutions and the date such bills and resolutions were placed on General Order, shall be published electronically and made available each legislative day to all members of the Senate.

6. <u>5.</u> To allow opportunity for amendment under Rule 8-23, no bill <u>or joint</u> <u>resolution</u> may be heard until it has been on General Order for a period of at least one (1) legislative day.

7. <u>6.</u> No bill or joint resolution shall be considered on the Senate floor without a House author.

**B.** ORDER OF CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION. The Majority Floor Leader, or a designee, shall determine the order in which legislation is considered by the Senate. Nothing in this section nor these rules shall be construed as to guarantee a right to a hearing on any legislation.

*C. CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES ON GENERAL ORDER.* On General Order, the following procedure shall be observed:

1. Explanation of the bill or resolution by the Senate author<u>or designee of the</u> Senate author;

- 2. Questions;
- 3. Consideration of amendments; and
- 4. Advancement from General Order to Engrossment and Third Reading.

#### **RULE 8-23. AMENDMENTS.**

A. Amendments to bills or resolutions shall be in writing and shall be considered only if submitted at least one (1) legislative day prior to consideration on General Order.

B. The Senate shall not consider any proposed amendment not germane to the subject of the bill or resolution. A secondary amendment must be germane to both the primary amendment and the measure which it purports to amend.

C. If any amendment to a bill or resolution is filed as provided in this subsection, a copy of the text of such amendment shall be provided or made available electronically to each member of the Senate.

D. The provisions of subsection A of this rule shall not apply to an amendment offered by the author of a bill or resolution:

1. To strike the title or enacting or resolving clause; or

2. For any other purpose, subject to the approval of the Majority Floor Leader.

E. 1. Amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are submitted unless otherwise directed by the Majority Floor Leader; provided, a floor substitute offered by the author of the measure shall be considered first, and an amendment to restore a title or enacting or resolving clause shall be considered after disposition of all other amendments. If a floor substitute is adopted, the Secretary of the Senate shall conform previously submitted amendments to the measure to the floor substitute, if practicable.

2. Once an amendment is read, it shall be explained by its author, who may then answer questions concerning the amendment. If the author of the amendment is not in attendance at the time an amendment is read, the amendment shall be considered withdrawn unless another member of the Senate coauthors the amendment and provides an explanation.

3. An amendment shall be considered a public record from the time it is placed upon the clerk's desk.

F. After the final vote on third reading of any bill or joint resolution, no amendment to the measure shall be considered, by unanimous consent or otherwise, unless the final vote and advancement of the measure are properly reconsidered according to the Senate Rules.

G. For any bill <u>or resolution</u> which has been recommended to the full Senate by a Senate committee with a stricken title or enacting clause, the title or enacting clause shall not be restored as part of any other amendment, but an amendment to restore the title or enacting clause may be considered separately.

H. 1. A floor amendment authored by a member to restore a stricken title and/or enacting clause on a measure, prior to being placed on the clerk's desk and to be properly filed, shall be subject to the following requirements:

- a. when the measure is assigned to a single committee, except for the Appropriations Committee, the floor amendment shall be required to have the signature of a majority of the members of the assigned committee which shall include the Chair as part of the majority, except for the Appropriations Committee, which shall only require the signature of the Appropriations Committee Chair,
- b. when a measure is double-assigned to a committee and the Appropriations Committee, the author of the floor amendment shall be required to have the signatures of a majority of the committee members of the assigned committee which shall also include the Chair as part of the majority, and also the signature of the Chair of the Appropriations Committee, or
- c. when a measure is double-assigned to a committee and the Appropriations Committee and the Appropriations Committee is the only committee that recommends to strike the title and/or enacting clause, only the signature of the Appropriations Committee Chair is required.

2. The provisions of subparagraphs a and b, of this subsection shall also apply to the filing of a floor substitute for a measure.

**RULE 8-24. ADVANCEMENT.** Once a motion to advance has been adopted, the bill or resolution shall be considered engrossed and on Third Reading.

**RULE 8-25. THIRD READING.** Upon Third Reading of a bill or resolution, the Senate shall not consider amendments, but shall debate passage of the bill or resolution and then vote upon passage.

**RULE 8-26. HOUSE AMENDMENTS.** Upon receipt of House amendments to Senate bills or resolutions, the Senate author shall make a motion either to accept the amendments, in which case a successful vote on the motion shall automatically advance the bill <u>or joint</u> resolution to Fourth Reading and final passage, or to reject the amendments and request a conference with the House.

If a motion to adopt House amendments to Senate bills or resolutions fails, the Senate author should serve notice before any other business is considered by the Senate, to reject the amendments and request a conference with the House. If notice to reject House amendments is not made, then the legislation is considered to have received final action pursuant to Rule 6-7.

#### **RULE 8-27. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

A. Any Conference Committee Report shall be considered by the Senate only when a majority of the Senate conferees and a majority of the House conferees have signed the report and only when the report is limited to matters germane to the bill or resolution.

If the Senate adopts a Conference Committee Report, the bill or resolution shall be before the Senate for Fourth Reading and final passage. If the Senate rejects a Conference Committee Report or a motion to adopt the report fails, the bill or resolution shall be returned to the conference committee. Upon a report by the Senate conferees that the conferees cannot agree, the bill or resolution reverts to its former status of consideration of House Amendments to Senate bills or resolutions.

B. The conference committee report proposed by the Senate author of a measure considered by the General Conference Committee on Appropriations may not be amended during the committee meeting at which the measure is considered.

**RULE 8-28. FOURTH READING.** Upon Fourth Reading of a bill or resolution, debate shall be in order on final passage of the bill or resolution, after which the vote shall occur on final passage. After final passage of a bill or resolution, it shall be signed by the Presiding Officer in open session.

#### **Chapter 3: Debate and Voting**

#### RULE 8-30. DEBATE.

A. When a Senator desires to speak, he or she shall rise and address the Presiding Officer, and shall not proceed until recognized, and the Presiding Officer shall recognize the Senator who shall first address the Presiding Officer. No Senator shall interrupt another Senator in debate without his or her consent, and to obtain such consent shall first address the Presiding Officer, and no Senator shall speak more than twice upon any one question in debate on the same legislative day without leave of the Senate, which shall be determined without debate. No Senator shall be recognized for debate after the author has debated or has waived the opportunity to close debate.

B. No Senator in debate shall, directly or indirectly, by any form of words impute to another Senator or to other Senators any conduct or motive unworthy or unbecoming a Senator. No Senator shall use any electronic recording, prop, or any materials distracting to members of the Senate during debate.

C. No Senator shall introduce to or bring to the attention of the Senate during its sessions any occupant in the galleries of the Senate other than those allowed pursuant to Rule 8-6. No motion to suspend this rule shall be in order, nor may the Presiding Officer entertain any request to suspend it by unanimous consent.

D. If any Senator, in speaking or otherwise, in the opinion of the Presiding Officer transgresses the rules of the Senate, the Presiding Officer shall, either on his or her own motion or at the request of any other Senator, call him or her to order; and when a Senator shall be called to order he or she shall take his or her seat, and may not proceed without leave of the Senate, which, if granted, shall be upon motion that he or she be allowed to proceed in order, which motion shall be determined without debate. Any Senator directed by the Presiding Officer to take his or her seat, and any Senator requesting the Presiding Officer to require a Senator to take his or her seat, may offer a substitute ruling as provided in Rule 9-14. <u>A Senator making such a request shall do so at the desk, directly to the</u> Presiding Officer, without interrupting the Senator who is debating.

<u>E.</u> The Presiding Officer shall have the authority to confine members in debate to the question under consideration.

**RULE 8-31. MANNER OF VOTING.** All votes of the Senate shall be by voice vote, division or roll call vote subject to the following:

A. The voting machine shall be used to record the vote whenever a roll call vote is taken on any question. The machine shall also be used to determine the presence or absence of a quorum. In the event the machine is not operating properly, all roll call votes and determinations of quorums may be taken by calling the roll. The voting machine shall be under the control of the Presiding Officer and shall be operated by a clerk designated by the Presiding Officer.

B. Except as may be provided in subsection D of Rule 8-2, during any roll call, only a Senator present on the Senate floor may vote, and every Senator present shall vote, except when the President Pro Tempore is not present on the Senate floor but recorded as present pursuant to Rule 3-3 and physically present in the State Capitol, the President Pro Tempore may direct the Presiding Officer to activate the President Pro Tempore's roll call switch in the manner requested by the President Pro Tempore on any question for which a roll call vote is required. During a roll call, the Presiding Officer shall request every Senator in the chamber who has not voted to vote. If any Senator so requested fails to vote, the Presiding Officer shall, upon declaring the roll, order that said Senator be shown as voting "NO" on the question. Said order shall be printed in the Journal directly following the printing of the results of the roll call as reflected by the voting machine, and said "NO" vote shall be included in the determination of the passage or failure of the question. In all other cases, a Senator who fails to vote shall be shown as "excused" in the Journal, except as provided in Section 24 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution.

C. On any question for which a roll call vote is not required, a roll call vote shall be in order only if requested before the question is put. <u>A request for roll call shall only be in</u> <u>order when the question is under consideration. A member who has requested a roll call</u> <u>vote on a question for which a roll call vote is not required, shall be present on the Senate</u> <u>floor at the time of the roll call vote or the request for the roll call vote shall be waived.</u> Once the question has been put and a voice vote taken, the Presiding Officer shall state the side that appears to the Presiding Officer to have prevailed, and any member then may request a division, but shall not be entitled to request a roll call vote. The declaration of the vote by the Presiding Officer shall be final.

D. No Senator shall be permitted to vote or change a vote after the result has been announced by the Presiding Officer.

E. If a member's voting machine is inoperative, the member shall rise and advise the Presiding Officer of the malfunction; and the Senator will be permitted to verbally vote on the question; and the vote will then be recorded by the clerk.

F. When a division is called for, those voting in the affirmative shall rise at their seats and remain standing until counted; then those voting in the negative shall rise and stand until they are counted, whereupon the Presiding Officer shall declare the result.

**RULE 8-32. RECONSIDERATION OF VOTES.** The final vote on Third Reading or Fourth Reading of any bill or joint resolution or on the emergency clause or special election feature or other special feature of any bill or joint resolution may be reconsidered only if a member of the Senate serves notice before any other business is considered by the Senate. Once such notice is served, the following procedures shall be observed:

1. In anticipation of the closing days of a regular session or a deadline for third reading and final passage of a measure in the Senate, a majority of the members of the Senate may vote that all motions to reconsider made thereafter related to any legislation subject to the deadline shall be disposed of no later than the day of such deadline or the day set for sine die adjournment.

2. Except as heretofore provided, the member serving notice for reconsideration shall have the exclusive right to make such a motion on the day notice is served and the next two succeeding legislative days; provided, that on the third succeeding legislative day, any member of the Senate shall have the right to make such a motion. If no such motion is made on the third succeeding legislative day, then no reconsideration shall be permitted.

3. If the Senate refuses to reconsider or if, upon reconsideration, affirms the first decision, no further consideration shall be in order.

4. For adoption, a motion to reconsider the final vote on a bill or resolution or on the emergency clause or special election feature or other special feature must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate.

5. A motion to reconsider any other action by the Senate must be made by a Senator who voted on the prevailing side before any other business is considered by the Senate and shall be disposed of on the same day it is lodged. The motion to reconsider shall be decided by a majority of those voting on the question.

6. It shall not be in order for the Senate, by suspension of the Rules or by any other means, to reconsider in the Second Regular Session of a Legislature the vote by which any bill or joint resolution was defeated in the First Regular Session.

# **Chapter 4: Executive Nominations**

**RULE 8-40. REFERRAL OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS.** When Executive Nominations shall be made by the Governor or other appointing authority to the Senate, said nominations shall be referred for consideration to the standing committee which has in its jurisdiction the entity to which the nomination relates. Nominations shall be made by the Governor or other appointing authority to the Senate no later than May 1 of any year in order to be considered by the full Senate that year.

**RULE 8-41. REJECTION.** No person whose nomination has been rejected by the Senate shall be eligible to be later confirmed by the Senate during the same session for appointment to the same position. If an executive nomination is not approved during the regular session in which it is submitted, it shall be deemed rejected. If an interim executive nomination is not approved during the first regular session following its submission it shall be deemed rejected. The President Pro Tempore shall notify the appointing authority of the rejection of an executive nomination by the Senate, and shall likewise notify the chief executive of the entity to which the nomination relates.

# RULE 8-42. COMMITTEE REPORTS ON EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS.

Committee reports on Executive Nominations may be combined by the Majority Floor Leader for consideration by the Senate. At the request of any member, however, a nominee shall be separated from the combined report and considered individually by the Senate. A majority vote of the members of the Senate shall be required for adoption of a combined report.

# **Chapter 5: Committee of the Whole**

**RULE 8-50. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.** Without prior notice, the Senate may, by motion approved by a majority of the members of the Senate, declare itself a Committee of the Whole, at which time the President Pro Tempore or a member designated by the President Pro Tempore shall chair the Committee of the Whole. Rules applicable to other Senate committees shall be applied to the Committee of the Whole, except those rules relating to notice.

**RULE 8-51. REPORTS.** Once the Committee of the Whole has reported a bill or resolution "DO PASS" or "DO PASS, AS AMENDED", to the Senate, that bill or resolution shall be considered on Third Reading and shall be voted upon without consideration of amendments or debate.

### **Chapter 6: Vetoes and Other Legislative Actions**

**RULE 8-60. OVERRIDES OF VETOES.** When a bill or resolution is returned to the Senate because of veto by the Governor, a motion that the vetoed legislation become law the Governor's objections notwithstanding shall be in order, pursuant to Rule 8-5.

**RULE 8-61. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS.** Committee reports on matters other than legislation or Executive Nominations shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate and explained by the Chair of the committee making the report, whereupon the Senate may consider any action called for in the report.

#### **RULE 8-62. CORRECTIONS TO LEGISLATION.**

A. The Title of a bill or resolution shall be made to conform to the text, unless the same has been ordered stricken. A stricken title shall be shown in brackets. The ballot title of a bill or resolution proposing a state question shall be made to conform to the text. The Enacting Clause shall be a part of every bill unless the same shall have been ordered stricken. A stricken Enacting Clause shall be shown by striking through the words of the Enacting Clause.

B. The Senate Service Staff is authorized to correct misspelled words, incorrect citations, typographical errors, repeated words and other similar errors when engrossing or enrolling Senate bills or joint resolutions, or Senate amendments to engrossed House bills or joint resolutions and when preparing committee reports and floor versions of Senate bills or joint resolutions.

C. When engrossing or enrolling Senate bills or joint resolutions, or Senate amendments to engrossed House bills or joint resolutions and when preparing committee reports and floor versions of Senate bills or joint resolutions, the Senate Service Staff is authorized to:

1. Remove sections from a bill or joint resolution labeled as amendatory sections but which consist entirely of existing law and contain no amendments to the existing law;

2. Incorporate amendments to sections of law in the bill or joint resolution which are contained in measures enacted previously during the same legislative session and amending the same sections of law and repeal such previous versions of the section at issue if, in the opinion of a staff attorney designated by the Chief Operating Officer, the incorporation of such amendments and repeal of the previous version would clearly not conflict with the amendments contained in the measure at issue;

3. Modify sections of such measures which provide for a measure to become effective on July 1 or a date earlier than ninety days after the date of expected sine die adjournment to read to reflect an effective date of ninety days after the date of sine die adjournment, or to delete such sections, if the emergency clause has failed to receive the required number of votes for passage;

4. Delete For legislation carried over from the previous session, modify sections of such measures which provide for a measure to become effective on a date prior to such engrossment or enrollment to match the current year; and

5. Include a designation of the subject of an act as provided in Section 452.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. The Secretary of the Senate shall, at the direction of the President Pro Tempore and with the approval of the Senate author, have the authority to:

1. Correct nonsubstantive errors in the language of any bill or resolution at the time the same is engrossed or enrolled; and

2. Submit a corrected engrossed or enrolled version of legislation in the event that a version does not accurately reflect the actions of the Senate or a committee thereof.

A detailed record of all such corrections shall be maintained by the Secretary and printed in the Journal.

# **RULE 9: MOTIONS**

**RULE 9-1. ORDER OF PRIORITY.** Motions shall be considered in the following order of priority:

- 1. To adjourn to a time certain.
- 2. To adjourn.
- 3. Substitute ruling motion.
- 4. To recess.
- 5. To operate under Call of the Senate.
- 6. To limit debate.
- 7. To advance a measure.
- 8. To accept or reject House amendments.
- 9. To adopt a Conference Committee Report.
- 10. To accept or reject a report of the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget.
- 11. To suspend the rules.
- 12. To commit to a committee or conference committee without instructions.
- 13. To commit to a committee or conference committee with instructions.
- 14. To amend.

RULE 9-2. DEBATE. Debate shall be in order on all motions, except the following:

- 1. To adjourn to a time certain.
- 2. To adjourn.
- 3. To recess.
- 4. To operate under Call of the Senate.

- 5. To limit debate.
- 6. To advance.
- 7. To commit to a committee without instructions.
- 8. To table.
- 9. To suspend the rules.

**RULE 9-3. MOTIONS TO TABLE.** Motions to table shall be in order for all motions except the following:

- 1. To adjourn to a time certain.
- 2. To adjourn.
- 3. To recess.
- 4. To operate under Call of the Senate.
- 5. To limit debate.
- 6. To advance.

**RULE 9-4. PRECEDENCE.** Motions to table shall take precedence over the original motion. If successful, a motion to table shall constitute a final disposition of the original motion.

**RULE 9-5. PRIORITY OF MOTIONS NOT ENUMERATED.** Except for those motions otherwise enumerated by priority, all motions shall have equal priority and shall be considered in the order made, or in the order placed on the clerk's desk.

**RULE 9-6. WRITTEN MOTIONS OR OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS.** The Presiding Officer may require any motion, point of order, substitute ruling, or other item of business to be in writing and placed upon the clerk's desk.

**RULE 9-7. SUBSTITUTE MOTIONS.** Only one substitute motion for a motion of equal priority shall be considered. Successful passage of a substitute motion shall be considered both adoption of the substitute motion in lieu of the original as well as the passage of the substitute motion. If the substitute motion fails, the original motion shall be disposed of before another motion of the same priority can be considered.

**RULE 9-8. VOTE REQUIRED.** Unless otherwise provided, a motion shall be declared adopted if it is approved by a majority of the members present and voting thereon.

### **RULE 9-9. MOTIONS TO ADJOURN.**

*A. ADJOURNMENT*. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order except when the motion shall have been the last voted on and no business is transacted thereafter.

**B.** AFTER ADOPTION OF MOTION TO ADJOURN. Once a motion to adjourn when the desk is clear has been adopted, no motion shall be considered from the floor of the Senate, whether by unanimous consent or otherwise.

*C. SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT*. The date and time of sine die adjournment of the Senate shall be fixed by motion or resolution; provided, that once the date and time of such sine die adjournment has arrived, no further business shall be conducted by the Senate, and the Presiding Officer shall declare the Senate adjourned sine die.

**RULE 9-10. QUORUM CALL.** Any member of the Senate may, at any time, request the Presiding Officer to suggest the absence of a quorum. Upon such request, the Presiding Officer shall determine whether a quorum is present and no further business shall be conducted until it is determined that a quorum is present.

**RULE 9-11. CALL OF THE SENATE.** The Senate may, by majority vote of the members present, operate under Call of the Senate, in which case the President Pro Tempore is empowered to compel the attendance of all members of the Senate and is empowered to confine the members of the Senate to the chamber.

**RULE 9-12. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.** Personal privilege shall be granted to a member of the Senate only to permit such member to respond to a public attack on the rights, integrity or reputation of a member of the Senate, or upon the Senate collectively or any committee or employee of the Senate. Remarks made by a member of the Senate who is granted personal privilege shall be confined to such a response.

**RULE 9-13. MOTION TO LIMIT DEBATE.** When a question subject to debate is before the Senate, a motion to limit the time for debate shall be in order, even if debate already has begun. The motion shall fix the time limits to be allowed for and against the motion, provided that in no case shall the total debate allotted to each side be less than one-half hour. If such motion is successful, the Presiding Officer shall cause the time limits to be enforced and shall divide the time equally for each side of the question. If the motion is once rejected on a question being debated, it can only be adopted with the approval of two-thirds of those voting.

**RULE 9-14. SUBSTITUTE RULING MOTIONS.** If a Senator disagrees with a ruling on a motion or point of order, he or she may make a motion the Senate adopt a substitute ruling in the following manner:

1. Before other business is transacted by the Senate or by the committee, a member of the Senate or the committee may appeal the ruling by offering a substitute ruling.

2. Once a motion to adopt a substitute ruling is made, no other business shall be transacted until the motion is disposed of by the Senate or by the committee.

3. A motion to adopt a substitute ruling shall be subject to all other Senate Rules pertaining to motions.

# **Rule 10: Executive Sessions**

**RULE 10-1. PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGE.** On a motion made and carried that the Senate go into executive session, the Presiding Officer shall direct all persons, except Senators, the Secretary of the Senate, and personnel as authorized by the Senate, to withdraw. The vote of a majority of the Senators voting shall be required on a motion for executive session. During an executive session, the doors shall remain closed and every Senator and officer shall keep confidential all proceedings and matters enjoined by order of the Senate.

# **Rule 11: Special Sessions**

#### **RULE 11-1. SPECIAL SESSIONS.**

A. Unless amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate, these rules shall be in effect for any special session of the 58th 59th Oklahoma Legislature; provided, bills and resolutions reported from committee or referred directly to the calendar shall be placed on General Order immediately upon such report or referral and amendments to such bills and resolutions shall be filed no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of such report or referral.

B. The selection of officers, the membership of the standing committees and the mileage allowances most recently approved in regular session shall be in effect for any special session.

#### **OFFICERS OF THE SENATE**

President Pro Tempore Treat announced members of the Senate Republican Caucus designated to serve in the leadership for the Fifty-ninth Legislature are as follows:

President Pro Tempore	Senator Greg Treat
Majority Floor Leader	Senator Greg McCortney
Assistant Majority Floor Leader	Senator Julie Daniels
Assistant Majority Floor Leader	Senator Lonnie Paxton
Appropriations Committee Chair	Senator Roger Thompson
Appropriations Committee Vice-Chair	Senator Chuck Hall
Majority Whip	Senator Casey Murdock
Assistant Majority Whip	Senator Bill Coleman
Assistant Majority Whip	Senator Dewayne Pemberton
Assistant Majority Whip	Senator Cody Rogers
Republican Caucus Chair	Senator Dave Rader
Republican Caucus Vice Chair	Senator David Bullard
Rural Caucus Chair	Senator Darcy Jech
Chief Presiding Officer	Senator Brent Howard

Senator Floyd announced members of the Senate Democratic Caucus designated to serve in the leadership for the Fifty-ninth Legislature are as follows:

Democratic Leader	Senator Kay Floyd
Assistant Democratic Floor Leader	5 5
Democratic Caucus Chair	Senator Kevin Matthews
Democratic Whip	Senator Carri Hicks

On behalf of President Pro Tempore Treat, Senator McCortney moved that Paul Ziriax of Edmond be elected Secretary of the Senate for the Fifty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature.

Senator Floyd seconded the nomination of Paul Ziriax and moved that the nominations for the office of Secretary of the Senate cease and Paul Ziriax be elected by acclamation, which motion was declared adopted.

### COMMUNICATION

January 3, 2023

The Honorable Greg Treat President Pro Tempore Oklahoma State Senate 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Senator Treat,

Under the authority granted to the Secretary of the Senate by Senate Rule 2-1, I hereby appoint Mr. Adam Cain to the office of Senate Sergeant at Arms for the Fifty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature, to serve at the pleasure of the Senate.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul Ziriax, Secretary Oklahoma State Senate

### **COMMITTEES APPOINTED**

Senator McCortney moved that the Standing Committees, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget and the General Conference Committee on Appropriations and the members thereof appointed for the Fiftyninth Legislature, as distributed, be approved, which motion was declared adopted. The Standing Committees and their membership are as follows:

#### SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Fifty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature

President Pro Tempore Treat and Senator McCortney are ex officio voting members of all Senate committees.

### **AERONAUTICS and TRANSPORTATION**

Haste, Chair Alvord, Vice-Chair

Burns Dahm Dossett Kidd Matthews

Newhouse Rogers Rosino Stanley Stephens

#### **AGRICULTURE and RURAL AFFAIRS**

Kidd, Chair Hall, Vice-Chair

AlvordPaxtonBorenRogersGreenWoodsHamiltonYoungJech

#### APPROPRIATIONS

Thompson, Roger, Chair Hall, Vice-Chair

Brooks Burns Dugger Floyd Haste Hicks Montgomery Newhouse Prieto Pugh Rader Rosino Howard Jech Kirt Matthews Stephens Thompson, K. Woods

#### **BUSINESS and COMMERCE**

Coleman, Chair Thompson, Kristen, Vice-Chair

Brooks	Prieto
Burns	Pugh
Haste	Seifried
Jett	Weaver
Newhouse	Young

### **EDUCATION**

Pugh, Chair Seifried, Vice-Chair

Bergstrom Daniels Dossett Green Hicks Murdock Paxton Pemberton Rader Thompson, K.

### **ENERGY and TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Paxton, Chair Green, Vice-Chair

Boren Bullard Dossett Howard Jett Kidd Newhouse Rader Woods

#### FINANCE

Rader, Chair Howard, Vice-Chair

Daniels	Rosino
Hall	Standridge
Hicks	Stanley
Kirt	Stewart
Montgomery	Thompson, R.
Murdock	

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Garvin, Chair Stewart, Vice-Chair

Alvord Bergstrom Floyd Hamilton Murdock Rogers Seifried Weaver Young

### **HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES**

Rosino, Chair Haste, Vice-Chair

Daniels Hall Hicks Montgomery Pemberton Prieto Pugh Standridge Stanley Young

#### JUDICIARY

Howard, Chair Gollihare, Vice-Chair

BorenHallBrooksJechBullardStandridgeDanielsStewartFloydWeaver

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Jech, Chair Coleman, Vice-Chair

Brooks Burns Dahm Dugger Gollihare Hicks Matthews Pederson Stephens Thompson, K.

### **RETIREMENT and INSURANCE**

Montgomery, Chair Jett, Vice-Chair

Brooks Coleman Dugger Garvin Hamilton Matthews Prieto Woods

### RULES

Daniels, Chair Paxton, Vice-Chair

Bergstrom Kidd Bullard Kirt Coleman Montgomery Floyd Pugh Rader Garvin Haste Rosino Howard Stanley Jech Thompson, R.

### **TOURISM and WILDLIFE**

Bullard, Chair Pederson, Vice-Chair Bergstrom Gollihare Dahm Matthews Dossett Pemberton Dugger Stephens Garvin

#### **VETERANS and MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Stanley, Chair Hamilton, Vice-Chair

Dossett Gollihare Jett Kidd Kirt Paxton Pederson Seifried Stewart

### APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

President Pro Tempore Treat, Senator McCortney, Senator Roger Thompson and Senator Hall are ex officio voting members of all Appropriations Subcommittees.

### **EDUCATION**

Pugh, Chair Thompson, Kristen, Vice-Chair

Boren Kidd Rader Seifried Stanley

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT and TRANSPORTATION**

Haste, Chair Woods, Vice-Chair

Alvord Hamilton Matthews Weaver

### **HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES**

Rosino, Chair Montgomery, Vice-Chair

Bergstrom Garvin Hicks Kirt Standridge

### NATURAL RESOURCES and REGULATORY SERVICES

Jech, Chair Burns, Vice-Chair

Bullard Dossett

Jett Paxton

### **OMES/ARPA OVERSIGHT**

Hall, Chair Newhouse, Vice-Chair

Coleman Green Kirt Pemberton

### **PUBLIC SAFETY and JUDICIARY**

Howard, Chair Stephens, Vice-Chair

Daniels Gollihare Murdock Rogers Young

### **SELECT AGENCIES**

Dugger, Chair Prieto, Vice-Chair

Dahm Floyd Pederson Stewart

#### JOINT COMMITTEES

### JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Bergstrom, Chair Daniels, Vice-Chair

Alvord Boren Dahm Garvin

Brooks
Bullard
Coleman

Green Pemberton Weaver

### JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS and BUDGET and GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

The members of the Senate appointed to serve on the Senate Committee on Appropriations shall also be the members of the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 4.1(b) and the General Conference Committee on Appropriations pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 7-8. President Pro Tempore Treat and Senator McCortney are ex officio voting members of all Senate committees.

#### **EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE AND POSTAGE**

Senator McCortney moved that each Senator be allotted a maximum of \$1,500 from Senate funds for expenses relating to official state business, including but not limited to, postage, electronic communications equipment or its usage, office equipment and supplies and printing. Such amount is hereby authorized for expenses incurred from November 22, 2022, through December 31, 2023. If a member of the Senate incurs such expenses paid for by the Senate in excess of these amounts during such period, the member shall reimburse the Senate in full for such excess amount no later than January 31, 2024, which motion was declared adopted.

#### MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

Senator McCortney moved adoption of the following report on mileage allowance prepared by the Office of the Senate Administrator, which motion was declared adopted.

Senator	Hometown	Total Miles Round Trip	Amount Round Trip
Alvord, Jerry	Wilson	240	\$157.20
Bergstrom, Micheal	Big Cabin	314	\$205.67
Boren, Mary	Norman	48	\$31.44
Brooks, Michael	Oklahoma City	0	None Requested
Bullard, David	Durant	316	\$206.98
Burns, George	Haworth	520	\$340.60
Coleman, Bill	Ponca City	212	\$138.86

Dahm, Nathan	Broken Arrow	224	\$146.72
Daniels, Julie	Bartlesville	224 292	\$191.26
Dossett, Jo Anna	Tulsa	212	\$142.79
Dugger, Tom	Stillwater	124	\$81.22
Floyd, Kay	Oklahoma City	0	None Requested
Garvin, Jessica	Duncan	166	\$108.73
Gollihare, Todd	Bristow	100	\$96.94
Green, Grant	Wellston	76	\$49.78
Hall, Chuck	Perry	126	\$82.53
Hamilton, Warren	McCurtain	330	\$216.15
Haste, John	Broken Arrow	244	\$159.82
Hicks, Carri	Oklahoma City	24	\$15.72
Howard, Brent	Altus	288	\$188.64
Jech, Darcy	Kingfisher	86	\$56.33
Jett, Shane	Shawnee	84	\$55.02
Kidd, Chris	Ringling	236	\$154.58
Kirt, Julia	Oklahoma City	8	\$5.24
McCortney, Greg	Ada	176	\$115.28
Matthews, Kevin	Tulsa	212	\$138.86
Montgomery, John	Lawton	180	\$117.90
Murdock, Casey	Felt	700	\$458.50
Newhouse, William	Tulsa	220	\$144.10
Paxton, Lonnie	Tuttle	72	\$47.16
Pederson, Roland	Burlington	334	\$218.77
Pemberton, Dewayne	Muskogee	282	\$184.71
Prieto, Dana	Tulsa	228	\$149.34
Pugh, Adam	Edmond	32	\$20.96
Rader, Dave	Tulsa	216	\$141.48
Rogers, Cody	Tulsa	184	\$120.52
Rosino, Paul	Oklahoma City	0	None Requested
Seifried, Ally	Claremore	262	\$171.61
Standridge, Rob	Norman	44	\$28.82
Stanley, Brenda	Oklahoma City	26	\$17.03
Stephens, Blake	Tahlequah	368	\$241.04
Stewart, Jack	Yukon	36	\$23.58
Thompson, Kristen	Edmond	32	\$20.96
Thompson, Roger	Okemah	146	\$95.63
Treat, Greg	Edmond	0	None Requested
Weaver, Darrell	Moore	30	\$19.65
Woods, Tom	Westville	396	\$259.38
Young, George	Oklahoma City	22	\$14.41

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

Advising the Honorable Senate that the House of Representatives is ready to convene in Joint Session.

Senator McCortney moved that the Senate recess to meet with the House in Joint Session, and upon adjournment of Joint Session, that the Senate stand adjourned to convene Monday, February 6, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., which motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the McCortney motion, the Senate adjourned at 1:50 p.m. to meet Monday, February 6, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

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#### JOINT SESSION

The First Joint Session of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Legislature was called to order by the President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell.

Senator McCortney moved the attendance roll call of the Senate be considered the attendance roll call of the Senate in Joint Session, which motion was declared adopted.

Representative Echols moved that the attendance roll call of the House of Representatives be considered the attendance roll call of the House in Joint Session, which motion was declared adopted.

President Pinnell declared quorums of the Senate and House present and Joint Session duly assembled.

The invocation was offered by Pastor Joel Harder.

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5, of the Oklahoma Constitution, President Pinnell directed the clerk to proceed with the canvassing of the returns of the General Election held on November 8, 2022, as certified to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of the State Election Board, Paul Ziriax, and transmitted to the House of Representatives by Secretary of State, Brian Bingman.

Senator McCortney moved to dispense with the reading of the election returns and ordered same printed in the Journals of the House and Senate respectively, which motion was declared adopted.

### COMMUNICATION

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Charles McCall Speaker, Oklahoma State House of Representatives State Capitol Building, Room 401 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached compilation is a complete list of the names of all candidates voted for at the General Election held November 8, 2022, for the offices indicated, and that the figures set by the names represent the sum of the total votes cast for each as certified to this office by the County Election Boards of the State. Candidates who were unopposed in the General Election also are listed.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Paul Ziriax, Secretary State Election Board

The Speaker declared elected to the respective offices listed below the candidates whose names are shown in boldface type:

### **UNITED STATES SENATORS (UNEXPIRED TERM)**

Markwayne Mullin	Republican	Westville	710,643
Robert Murphy	Libertarian	Norman	17,386
Kendra Horn	Democrat	Oklahoma City	405,389
Ray Woods	Independent	Cleo Springs	17,063

### UNITED STATES SENATOR

James Lankford	Republican	Edmond	739,960
Kenneth D. Blevins	Libertarian	Sand Springs	20,495
Madison Horn	Democrat	Oklahoma City	369,370
Michael L Delaney	Independent	Norman	20,907

# UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

DISTRICT 01				
Kevin Hern	Republican	Tulsa	142,800	
Adam Martin	Democrat	Tulsa	80,974	
Evelyn L. Rogers	Independent	Tulsa	9,721	
DISTRICT 02				
Josh Brecheen	Republican	Coalgate	167,843	
Naomi Andrews	Democrat	Tulsa	54,194	
Bulldog Ben Robinson	Independent	Muskogee	9,635	
DISTRICT 03				
Frank D. Lucas	Republican	Cheyenne	147,418	
Jeremiah A Ross	Democrat	Bristow	50,354	
DISTRICT 04				
Tom Cole	Republican	Moore	149,879	
Mary Brannon	Democrat	Washington	74,667	
DISTRICT 05				
Stephanie Bice	Republican	Edmond	152,699	
Joshua Harris-Till	Democrat	Oklahoma City	96,799	
David K. Frosch	Independent	Oklahoma City	9,328	
	GOVERNOR			
Kevin Stitt	Republican	Oklahoma City	639,484	
Natalie Bruno	Libertarian	Edmond	16,243	
Joy Hofmeister	Democrat	Tulsa	481,904	
Ervin Stone Yen	Independent	Nichols Hills	15,653	
		DNOD		
	LIEUTENANT GOVE	LANUK		
Matt Pinnell	Republican	Tulsa	744,003	
Chris Powell	Libertarian	Bethany	47,226	
Melinda L. Alizadeh-Fard	Democrat	Edmond	355,763	
STA	STATE AUDITOR AND INSPECTOR			

Cindy ByrdRepublicanCoalgateUnopposed

### ATTORNEY GENERAL

Gentner F. Drummond	Republican	Hominy	792,466
Lynda Steele	Libertarian	Warr Acres	281,923

### **STATE TREASURER**

Todd Russ	Republican	Cordell	738,545
Gregory J. Sadler	Libertarian	Newalla	51,858
Charles De Coune	Democrat	Oklahoma City	349,876

# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Ryan Walters	Republican	Edmond	650,310
Jena Nelson	Democrat	Edmond	495,031

### **COMMISSIONER OF LABOR**

Leslie Kathryn Osborn	Republican	Mustang	747,037
Will Daugherty	Libertarian	Yukon	57,006
Jack Henderson	Democrat	Tulsa	333,741

### **INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

Glen Mulready	Republican	Tulsa	Unopposed
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### **CORPORATION COMMISSIONER**

Kim David	Republican	Porter	722,074
Margaret Warigia Bowman	Democrat	Tulsa	351,239
Don Underwood	Independent	Inola	63,894

### **DISTRICT JUDGE**

<b>DISTRICT 1, OFFICE 1</b> Jon K. Parsley	Nonpartisan	Guymon	Unopposed
DISTRICT 2, OFFICE 1 Jill Carpenter Weedon	Nonpartisan	Arapaho	Unopposed

DISTRICT 3, OFFICE 1 Brad David Leverett	Nonpartisan	Altus	Unopposed
DISTRICT 4, OFFICE 1 Justin P. Eilers	Nonpartisan	Mooreland	Unopposed
DISTRICT 4, OFFICE 2 Paul K. Woodward	Nonpartisan	Enid	Unopposed
DISTRICT 4, OFFICE 3 Tom L. Newby	Nonpartisan	Enid	Unopposed
DISTRICT 5, OFFICE 1 Emmit Tayloe	Nonpartisan	Medicine Park	Unopposed
DISTRICT 5, OFFICE 2 G. Brent Russell Bobby Lewis	<b>Nonpartisan</b> Nonpartisan	<b>Duncan</b> Duncan	<b>22,958</b> 11,862
DISTRICT 5, OFFICE 3 Neil West Jay Walker	Nonpartisan <b>Nonpartisan</b>	Lawton Lawton	17,223 <b>18,727</b>
<b>DISTRICT 5, OFFICE 4</b> <b>Scott Meaders</b> Brad Cox	<b>Nonpartisan</b> Nonpartisan	<b>Lawton</b> Lawton	<b>23,387</b> 12,067
DISTRICT 5, OFFICE 5 Grant D. Sheperd	Nonpartisan	Lawton	Unopposed
DISTRICT 6, OFFICE 1 Kory Kirkland	Nonpartisan	Chickasha	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 1 Aletia Haynes Timmons	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 2 Kaitlyn Allen	Nonpartisan	Edmond	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 3 Amy Palumbo	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 4 Kenneth M. Stoner	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed

DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 5 Natalie Mai	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 6 C. Brent Dishman	Nonpartisan	Edmond	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 7 Cindy H. Truong	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 8 Heather Coyle	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 9 Anthony L. Bonner Jr.	Nonpartisan	Midwest City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 10 Susan Stallings	Nonpartisan	Edmond	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 11 Richard C. Ogden	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 12 Sheila D. Stinson	Nonpartisan	Edmond	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 13 K. Nikki Kirkpatrick	Nonpartisan	Edmond	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 14 Kathryn Ruth Savage James Siderias	<b>Nonpartisan</b> Nonpartisan	<b>Arcadia</b> Oklahoma City	<b>119,719</b> 64,414
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 15 Don Andrews	Nonpartisan	The Village	Unopposed
DISTRICT 8, OFFICE 1 Lee Turner	Nonpartisan	Ponca City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 9, OFFICE 1 Phillip Corley	Nonpartisan	Stillwater	Unopposed
DISTRICT 10, OFFICE 1 Stuart L. Tate	Nonpartisan	Fairfax	Unopposed
DISTRICT 11, OFFICE 1 Linda S. Thomas	Nonpartisan	Bartlesville	Unopposed

DISTRICT 12, OFFICE 1 Shawn Taylor	Nonpartisan	Adair	Unopposed
DISTRICT 12, OFFICE 2 Lara Russell	Nonpartisan	Inola	Unopposed
DISTRICT 12, OFFICE 3 Stephen R. Pazzo Jr.	Nonpartisan	Claremore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 13, OFFICE 1 Jennifer McAffrey	Nonpartisan	Quapaw	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 1 Caroline Wall	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 2 Sharon K. Holmes	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 3 Tracy Priddy	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 4 Daman Cantrell	Nonpartisan	Owasso	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 5 Michelle Lee Bodine-Keel	y Nonpartisan	Cleveland	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 6 Kelly Morgan Greenough	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 7 Bill LaFortune	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 8 Doug Drummond	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 9 Jim Huber	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 10 Dawn Moody	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 11 Rebecca Nightingale	Nonpartisan	RESTRICTED	Unopposed

<b>DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 12</b> <b>Kevin Gray</b> Tanya N. Wilson	<b>Nonpartisan</b> Nonpartisan	<b>Tulsa</b> Tulsa	<b>85,690</b> 84,108
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 13 David A. Guten	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 14 Kurt Glassco	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 15, OFFICE 1 Tim King	Nonpartisan	Muskogee	Unopposed
DISTRICT 15, OFFICE 2 Douglas Kirkley	Nonpartisan	Coweta	Unopposed
DISTRICT 15, OFFICE 3 Jeff Payton	Nonpartisan	Stillwell	Unopposed
DISTRICT 15, OFFICE 4 Bret A Smith	Nonpartisan	Council Hill	Unopposed
DISTRICT 16, OFFICE 1 Jonathan K. Sullivan	Nonpartisan	Poteau	Unopposed
<b>DISTRICT 17, OFFICE 1</b> <b>Emily Maxwell Herron</b> Johnny S. Loard	<b>Nonpartisan</b> Nonpartisan	<b>Idabel</b> Idabel	<b>10,327</b> 3,715
DISTRICT 18, OFFICE 1 Michael Hogan	Nonpartisan	McAlester	Unopposed
DISTRICT 19, OFFICE 1 Mark R. Campbell	Nonpartisan	Durant	Unopposed
DISTRICT 20, OFFICE 1 Dennis Morris	Nonpartisan	Ardmore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 20, OFFICE 2 Wallace Coppedge	Nonpartisan	Tishomingo	Unopposed
DISTRICT 21, OFFICE 1 Michael David Tupper Patrick Crowe	<b>Nonpartisan</b> Nonpartisan	<b>Norman</b> Norman	<b>59,807</b> 37,122

DISTRICT 21, OFFICE 2 Leah Edwards	Nonpartisan	Lindsay	Unopposed
DISTRICT 21, OFFICE 3 Thad Balkman	Nonpartisan	Norman	Unopposed
DISTRICT 21, OFFICE 4 Lori M. Walkley	Nonpartisan	Norman	Unopposed
DISTRICT 21, OFFICE 5 Jeff Virgin	Nonpartisan	Norman	Unopposed
DISTRICT 22, OFFICE 1 Timothy L. Olsen	Nonpartisan	Seminole	Unopposed
DISTRICT 22, OFFICE 2 Steve Kessinger	Nonpartisan	Ada	Unopposed
DISTRICT 23, OFFICE 1 Traci L Soderstrom Joe Dobry	<b>Nonpartisan</b> Nonpartisan	<b>Chandler</b> Chandler	<b>15,909</b> 12,407
DISTRICT 23, OFFICE 2 John G. Canavan Jr.	Nonpartisan	Shawnee	Unopposed
DISTRICT 24, OFFICE 1 Douglas W. Golden	Nonpartisan	Sapulpa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 24, OFFICE 2 Lawrence W. Parish	Nonpartisan	Okemah	Unopposed
DISTRICT 24, OFFICE 3 Pandee Ramirez	Nonpartisan	Okmulgee	Unopposed
DISTRICT 24, OFFICE 4 Kelly Hake	Nonpartisan	Bristow	Unopposed
DISTRICT 25, OFFICE 1 D. Clay Mowdy	Nonpartisan	Coalgate	Unopposed
DISTRICT 26, OFFICE 1 Paul Hesse	Nonpartisan	Mustang	Unopposed
DISTRICT 26, OFFICE 2 Khristan Strubhar	Nonpartisan	Piedmont	Unopposed

# ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE

ADAIR COUNTY Liz Brown	Nonpartisan	Stilwell	Unopposed
ALFALFA COUNTY Loren E. Angle	Nonpartisan	Burlington	Unopposed
ATOKA COUNTY Preston Harbuck	Nonpartisan	Atoka	Unopposed
<b>BEAVER COUNTY</b> <b>Abby M. Cash</b> Ryan D. Reddick	<b>Nonpartisan</b> Nonpartisan	<b>Beaver</b> Beaver	<b>1,121</b> 488
BECKHAM COUNTY Michelle Kirby Roper	Nonpartisan	Elk City	Unopposed
BLAINE COUNTY Allison Lafferty Jenna Brown	<b>Nonpartisan</b> Nonpartisan	<b>Watonga</b> Watonga	<b>1,629</b> 1,171
BRYAN COUNTY Abby C. Rogers	Nonpartisan	Durant	Unopposed
CADDO COUNTY Wyatt Hill	Nonpartisan	Fort Cobb	Unopposed
CANADIAN COUNTY Rachel Bussett Bob Hughey	Nonpartisan <b>Nonpartisan</b>	Piedmont El Reno	19,930 <b>25,168</b>
CARTER COUNTY Ryan G. Hunnicutt Thomas K. Baldwin	<b>Nonpartisan</b> Nonpartisan	<b>Ardmore</b> Ardmore	<b>7,957</b> 4,445
CHEROKEE COUNTY Josh King	Nonpartisan	Hulbert	Unopposed
CHOCTAW COUNTY Bill Baze	Nonpartisan	Hugo	Unopposed
CIMARRON COUNTY Christine M. Larson	Nonpartisan	Boise City	Unopposed

CLEVELAND COUNTY Bethany Stanley	Nonpartisan	Moore	Unopposed
COAL COUNTY Joe Trail	Nonpartisan	Coalgate	Unopposed
COMANCHE COUNTY Lisa Shaw	Nonpartisan	Lawton	Unopposed
COTTON COUNTY Michael C. Flanagan	Nonpartisan	Walters	Unopposed
CRAIG COUNTY Joseph M. Gardner	Nonpartisan	Vinita	Unopposed
CREEK COUNTY Laura Farris	Nonpartisan	Bristow	Unopposed
CUSTER COUNTY Donna L. Dirickson	Nonpartisan	Weatherford	Unopposed
DELAWARE COUNTY David Crutchfield	Nonpartisan	Afton	Unopposed
DEWEY COUNTY Celo J Harrel	Nonpartisan	Leedey	Unopposed
ELLIS COUNTY Laurie E. Hays	Nonpartisan	Arnett	Unopposed
GARFIELD COUNTY Brian N. Lovell	Nonpartisan	Waukomis	Unopposed
GARVIN COUNTY Laura McClain Steve Kendall	<b>Nonpartisan</b> Nonpartisan	<b>Pauls Valley</b> Pauls Valley	<b>5,292</b> 2,373
GRADY COUNTY Z. Joseph Young	Nonpartisan	Chickasha	Unopposed
GRANT COUNTY Jeff Crites	Nonpartisan	Nash	Unopposed
GREER COUNTY Eric Yarborough	Nonpartisan	Mangum	Unopposed

HARMON COUNTY Winford Mike Warren	Nonpartisan	Hollis	Unopposed
HARPER COUNTY Aric A. Alley	Nonpartisan	Buffalo	Unopposed
HASKELL COUNTY Brian Henderson	Nonpartisan	Stigler	Unopposed
HUGHES COUNTY Trisha D. Smith	Nonpartisan	Holdenville	Unopposed
JACKSON COUNTY Rafe Hall	Nonpartisan	Duke	Unopposed
JEFFERSON COUNTY Dennis L. Gay	Nonpartisan	Hastings	Unopposed
JOHNSTON COUNTY Laura J. Corbin	Nonpartisan	Coleman	Unopposed
KAY COUNTY David Bandy	Nonpartisan	Ponca City	Unopposed
KINGFISHER COUNTY Lance E Schneiter	Nonpartisan	Okarche	Unopposed
KIOWA COUNTY Ricky A. Marsh	Nonpartisan	Hobart	Unopposed
LATIMER COUNTY Janice Kay Skimbo Meg Nicholson	Nonpartisan <b>Nonpartisan</b>	Wilburton <b>Red Oak</b>	1,351 <b>1,567</b>
LeFLORE COUNTY Marion D. Fry	Nonpartisan	Poteau	Unopposed
LINCOLN COUNTY Sheila Gatlin Kirk	Nonpartisan	Meeker	Unopposed
LOGAN COUNTY Luke Duel	Nonpartisan	Guthrie	Unopposed
LOVE COUNTY Todd Hicks	Nonpartisan	Overbrook	Unopposed

McCLAIN COUNTY William Deveraux Jr. Charles N. Gray	Nonpartisan <b>Nonpartisan</b>	Purcell <b>Purcell</b>	4,266 <b>8,896</b>
McCURTAIN COUNTY Tim T. Ragland	Nonpartisan	Idabel	Unopposed
McINTOSH COUNTY Brendon Bridges	Nonpartisan	Eufaula	Unopposed
MAJOR COUNTY Timothy Dean Haworth	Nonpartisan	Fairview	Unopposed
MARSHALL COUNTY Gregory Johnson	Nonpartisan	Kingston	Unopposed
MAYES COUNTY Rebecca J. Gore	Nonpartisan	Pryor	Unopposed
MURRAY COUNTY Aaron S. Duck	Nonpartisan	Sulphur	Unopposed
MUSKOGEE COUNTY Chad Locke Orvil Loge	Nonpartisan <b>Nonpartisan</b>	Muskogee <b>Muskogee</b>	6,993 <b>9,359</b>
NOBLE COUNTY Nikki G. Leach	Nonpartisan	Perry	Unopposed
NOWATA COUNTY Carl G. Gibson	Nonpartisan	Nowata	Unopposed
OKFUSKEE COUNTY Maxey Reilly	Nonpartisan	Okemah	Unopposed
<b>OKLAHOMA COUNTY</b> <b>Angela Singleton</b> Richard W. Kirby	<b>Nonpartisan</b> Nonpartisan	<b>Edmond</b> Oklahoma City	<b>109,236</b> 76,693
OKMULGEE COUNTY Cynthia D. Pickering	Nonpartisan	Okmulgee	Unopposed
OSAGE COUNTY Burl Oscar Estes II	Nonpartisan	Pawhuska	Unopposed

OTTAWA COUNTY R. Matt Whalen	Nonpartisan	Miami	Unopposed
PAWNEE COUNTY Patrick Pickerill	Nonpartisan	Cleveland	Unopposed
PAYNE COUNTY Michael Kulling	Nonpartisan	Stillwater	Unopposed
PITTSBURG COUNTY Tim Mills	Nonpartisan	McAlester	Unopposed
PONTOTOC COUNTY Lori Jackson	Nonpartisan	Ada	Unopposed
POTTAWATOMIE COUN Tracy McDaniel	TY Nonpartisan	Shawnee	Unopposed
PUSHMATAHA COUNTY Jana Wallace	Nonpartisan	Finley	Unopposed
ROGER MILLS COUNTY Pat VerSteeg	Nonpartisan	Cheyenne	Unopposed
ROGERS COUNTY Sue Nigh	Nonpartisan	Claremore	Unopposed
SEMINOLE COUNTY Brett Butner	Nonpartisan	Wewoka	Unopposed
SEQUOYAH COUNTY Kyle Evan Waters	Nonpartisan	Sallisaw	Unopposed
STEPHENS COUNTY Anthony Sykes Lawrence M. Wheeler	Nonpartisan <b>Nonpartisan</b>	Duncan <b>RESTRICTED</b>	4,748 <b>7,312</b>
TEXAS COUNTY Alfred Clark Jett	Nonpartisan	Guymon	Unopposed
TILLMAN COUNTY Brad Benson	Nonpartisan	Frederick	Unopposed
TULSA COUNTY Cliff Smith	Nonpartisan	Bixby	Unopposed

WAGONER COUNTY Rebecca Hunter	Nonpartisan	Porter	Unopposed
WASHINGTON COUNTY Russell C. Vaclaw	Nonpartisan	Bartlesville	Unopposed
WASHITA COUNTY S. Brooke Gatlin	Nonpartisan	Cordell	Unopposed
WOODS COUNTY Mickey J. Hadwiger	Nonpartisan	Alva	Unopposed
WOODWARD COUNTY Erin N. Kirksey	Nonpartisan	Mooreland	Unopposed
	DISTRICT ATTORN	IEY	
DISTRICT 1 George Buddy Leach III	Republican	Guymon	Unopposed
DISTRICT 2 Angela Marsee	Republican	Weatherford	Unopposed
DISTRICT 3 David Thomas	Republican	Altus	Unopposed
DISTRICT 4 Mike Fields	Republican	Enid	Unopposed
DISTRICT 5 Kyle Cabelka	Republican	Lawton	Unopposed
DISTRICT 6 Jason Hicks	Republican	Marlow	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7 Kevin Calvey Vicki Behenna	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Oklahoma City <b>Edmond</b>	100,037 <b>119,446</b>
DISTRICT 8 Brian Hermanson	Republican	Ponca City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 9 Laura Austin Thomas	Republican	Edmond	Unopposed

DISTRICT 10 Mike Fisher	Republican	Skiatook	Unopposed
DISTRICT 11 Will Drake	Republican	Bartlesville	Unopposed
DISTRICT 12 Matthew J. Ballard	Republican	Claremore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 13 Doug Pewitt	Republican	Monkey Island	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14 Steve Kunzweiler	Republican	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 15 Larry Edwards	Republican	Muskogee	Unopposed
DISTRICT 16 Kevin S. Merritt	Republican	Poteau	Unopposed
DISTRICT 17 Mark A. Matloff	Republican	Idabel	Unopposed
DISTRICT 18 Chuck Sullivan	Republican	McAlester	Unopposed
DISTRICT 19 Tim Webster	Republican	Durant	Unopposed
DISTRICT 20 Craig Ladd	Republican	Ardmore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 21 Greg Mashburn	Republican	Norman	Unopposed
DISTRICT 22 Erik Johnson	Republican	Ada	Unopposed
DISTRICT 23 David Hammer	Republican	Shawnee	Unopposed
DISTRICT 24 Max Cook	Republican	Sapulpa	Unopposed

DISTRICT 25 Carol Iski	Republican	Morris	Unopposed
DISTRICT 26 Christopher M. Boring	Republican	Woodward	Unopposed
DISTRICT 27 Jack Thorp	Republican	Broken Arrow	Unopposed
	STATE SENATO	R	
<b>DISTRICT 2</b> <b>Ally Seifried</b> Jennifer A. Esau	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Claremore</b> Claremore	<b>20,951</b> 7,488
DISTRICT 4 Tom Woods	Republican	Westville	Unopposed
DISTRICT 6 David Bullard	Republican	Durant	Unopposed
DISTRICT 8 Roger Thompson	Republican	Okemah	Unopposed
DISTRICT 10 Bill Coleman	Republican	Ponca City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 12 Todd Gollihare	Republican	Bristow	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14 Jerry Alvord	Republican	Wilson	Unopposed
DISTRICT 16 Mary B. Boren	Democrat	Norman	Unopposed
DISTRICT 18 Jack Stewart	Republican	Yukon	Unopposed
DISTRICT 20 Chuck Hall	Republican	Perry	Unopposed
DISTRICT 22 Kristen Thompson Blake Aguirre	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Edmond</b> Edmond	<b>19,876</b> 11,363

DISTRICT 24 Darrell Weaver	Republican	Moore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 26 Darcy Allen Jech	Republican	Kingfisher	Unopposed
DISTRICT 28			
Grant Green Karen Rackley	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	Wellston Chandler	<b>19,819</b> 6,128
DISTRICT 30			
Lori Callahan <b>Julia Kirt</b>	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Oklahoma City <b>Oklahoma City</b>	7,025 <b>10,199</b>
DISTRICT 32			
John Michael Montgome		Lawton	10,365
Johnny Jernigan	Democrat	Lawton	5,009
DISTRICT 34			
Dana Prieto	Republican	Tulsa	10,069
J. J. Dossett	Democrat	Sperry	8,032
DISTRICT 36			
John Haste	Republican	<b>Broken Arrow</b>	Unopposed
DISTRICT 38			
Brent Howard	Republican	Altus	Unopposed
DISTRICT 40			
Mariam Daly	Republican	Oklahoma City	12,595
Carri Hicks	Democrat	Oklahoma City	16,602
DISTRICT 42			
Brenda Stanley	Republican	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 44	<b>D</b>		
Michael Brooks	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 46 Kay Floyd	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 48 George E. Young	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed

# STATE REPRESENTATIVE

DISTRICT 1 Eddy Dempsey	Republican	Valliant	Unopposed
DISTRICT 2 Jim Olsen	Republican	Roland	Unopposed
DISTRICT 3 Rick West	Republican	Heavener	Unopposed
<b>DISTRICT 4</b> <b>Bob Ed Culver</b> Charles R. Arnall	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Tahlequah</b> Tahlequah	<b>7,040</b> 4,068
DISTRICT 5 Josh West	Republican	Grove	Unopposed
DISTRICT 6 Rusty Cornwell	Republican	Vinita	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7 Steve Bashore Jason A Spence	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Miami</b> Miami	<b>8,399</b> 2,276
DISTRICT 8 Tom Gann	Republican	Inola	Unopposed
DISTRICT 9 Mark Paul Lepak Ann Marie Kennedy	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Claremore</b> Claremore	<b>9,056</b> 3,457
DISTRICT 10 Judd Strom	Republican	Copan	Unopposed
DISTRICT 11 John B. Kane	Republican	Bartlesville	Unopposed
DISTRICT 12 Kevin McDugle Crystal LaGrone	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Broken Arrow</b> Coweta	<b>10,785</b> 3,361
DISTRICT 13 Neil Hays Jimmy W. Haley	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Checotah</b> Muskogee	<b>6,568</b> 3,784

DISTRICT 14 Chris Sneed	Republican	Fort Gibson	Unopposed
DISTRICT 15 Randy Randleman	Republican	Eufala	Unopposed
DISTRICT 16 Scott Fetgatter	Republican	Okmulgee	Unopposed
DISTRICT 17 Jim Grego	Republican	Wilburton	Unopposed
DISTRICT 18 David Smith	Republican	McAlester	Unopposed
DISTRICT 19 Justin JJ Humphrey	Republican	Lane	Unopposed
DISTRICT 20 Sherrie Conley	Republican	Newcastle	Unopposed
DISTRICT 21 Cody Maynard	Republican	Durant	Unopposed
DISTRICT 22 Charles A. McCall	Republican	Atoka	Unopposed
DISTRICT 23 Terry O'Donnell Susan Carle Young	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Catoosa</b> Claremore	<b>6,162</b> 3,076
DISTRICT 24 Chris Banning	Republican	Bixby	Unopposed
DISTRICT 25 Ronny Johns	Republican	Ada	Unopposed
DISTRICT 26 Dell Kerbs Gregory Hardin	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Shawnee</b> Shawnee	<b>7,006</b> 3,372
DISTRICT 27 Danny Sterling	Republican	Tecumseh	Unopposed
DISTRICT 28			

DISTRICT 29 Kyle Hilbert	Republican	Bristow	Unopposed
DISTRICT 30 Mark Lawson	Republican	Sapulpa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 31 Collin Duel	Republican	Guthrie	Unopposed
DISTRICT 32 Kevin Wallace	Republican	Wellston	Unopposed
DISTRICT 33 John Talley	Republican	Stillwater	Unopposed
DISTRICT 34 Michael Baughman Trish Ranson	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Stillwater <b>Stillwater</b>	3,137 <b>5,036</b>
DISTRICT 35 Ty D. Burns Sam Jennings	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Morrison</b> Hominy	<b>9,639</b> 2,663
DISTRICT 36 John George	Republican	Newalla	Unopposed
DISTRICT 37 Ken Luttrell	Republican	Ponca City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 38 John Pfeiffer	Republican	Orlando	Unopposed
DISTRICT 39 Ryan Martinez	Republican	Edmond	Unopposed
DISTRICT 40 Chad Caldwell Nicholas Payne	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Enid</b> Enid	<b>5,951</b> 2,457
<b>DISTRICT 41</b> <b>Denise Crosswhite Hader</b> Mike Bockus	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Yukon</b> Edmond	<b>9,641</b> 4,637
DISTRICT 42 Cindy Roe	Republican	Lindsay	9,311

DISTRICT 43 Jay W. Steagall Cassie Kinet	<b>Republican</b> Independent	<b>Yukon</b> Yukon	<b>7,858</b> 3,416
DISTRICT 44 RJ Harris Jared Deck	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Norman <b>Norman</b>	2,635 <b>6,548</b>
DISTRICT 45 Teresa Sterling Annie Menz	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Norman <b>Norman</b>	5,827 <b>6,708</b>
DISTRICT 46 Kendra Wesson Jacob Rosecrants	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Norman <b>Norman</b>	7,315 <b>8,763</b>
DISTRICT 47 Brian Hill	Republican	Mustang	Unopposed
DISTRICT 48 Tammy Townley	Republican	Ardmore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 49 Josh Cantrell	Republican	Kingston	Unopposed
DISTRICT 50 Marcus McEntire	Republican	Duncan	Unopposed
DISTRICT 51 Brad Boles	Republican	Marlow	Unopposed
DISTRICT 52 Gerrid E Kendrix	Republican	Altus	Unopposed
DISTRICT 53 Mark McBride	Republican	Moore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 54 Kevin West	Republican	Moore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 55 Nick Archer	Republican	Elk City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 56 Dick Lowe	Republican	Amber	Unopposed

DISTRICT 57 Anthony Moore	Republican	Clinton	Unopposed
DISTRICT 58 Carl W. Newton	Republican	Cherokee	Unopposed
DISTRICT 59 Mike Dobrinski	Republican	Okeene	Unopposed
DISTRICT 60 Rhonda Baker	Republican	Yukon	Unopposed
DISTRICT 61 Kenton Patzkowsky	Republican	Balko	Unopposed
DISTRICT 62 Daniel Pae	Republican	Lawton	Unopposed
DISTRICT 63 Trey Caldwell Shykira M. Smith	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Faxon</b> Lawton	<b>7,270</b> 1,767
DISTRICT 64 Rande Worthen Kyle Emmett Meraz Zachary A. Walls	<b>Republican</b> Democrat Independent	<b>Lawton</b> Lawton Lawton	<b>3,818</b> 2,816 363
DISTRICT 65 Toni Hasenbeck	Republican	Elgin	Unopposed
DISTRICT 66 Clay Staires James David Rankin	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Skiatook</b> Sand Springs	<b>8,849</b> 3,820
DISTRICT 67 Jeff Boatman	Republican	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 68 Lonnie Sims	Republican	Jenks	Unopposed
DISTRICT 69 Mark Tedford	Republican	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 70 Brad Banks Suzanne E. Schreiber	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Tulsa <b>Tulsa</b>	7,305 <b>9,461</b>

DISTRICT 71 Mike Masters Amanda Swope	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Tulsa <b>Tulsa</b>	4,534 <b>7,028</b>
DISTRICT 72 Monroe Nichols	Democrat	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 73 Regina Goodwin	Democrat	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 74 Mark Vancuren	Republican	Owasso	Unopposed
DISTRICT 75 T. J. Marti	Republican	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 76 Ross Ford	Republican	Broken Arrow	Unopposed
DISTRICT 77 John Waldron	Democrat	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 78 Meloyde Blancett	Democrat	Tulsa	Unopposed
<b>DISTRICT 79</b> Paul Hassink <b>Melissa Provenzano</b>	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Tulsa <b>Tulsa</b>	5,104 <b>5,496</b>
DISTRICT 80 Stan May	Republican	Broken Arrow	Unopposed
DISTRICT 81 Mike Osburn DISTRICT 82 Nicole Miller	Republican Republican	Edmond Edmond	Unopposed Unopposed
DISTRICT 83 Eric Roberts Greg Clyde	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Oklahoma City</b> Oklahoma City	<b>7,986</b> 7,334
DISTRICT 84 Tammy West Jeremy Lamb	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Oklahoma City</b> Bethany	<b>5,631</b> 4,240

DISTRICT 85 Donna Rice-Johnson Cyndi Munson	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Oklahoma City <b>Oklahoma City</b>	6,746 <b>10,069</b>
DISTRICT 86 David Hardin	Republican	Stilwell	Unopposed
DISTRICT 87 Gloria A. Banister Ellyn Hefner	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Oklahoma City <b>Oklahoma City</b>	3,511 <b>5,362</b>
DISTRICT 88 Mauree Turner Jed Green	<b>Democrat</b> Independent	<b>Oklahoma City</b> Oklahoma City	<b>8,000</b> 2,061
DISTRICT 89 Arturo Alonso	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
<b>DISTRICT 90</b> <b>Jon Echols</b> Nana Abram Dankwa	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Oklahoma City</b> Oklahoma City	<b>4,789</b> 2,700
DISTRICT 91 Chris Kannady	Republican	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 92 Forrest Bennett	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 93 Mickey Dollens	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 94 Andy Fugate	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 95 Max Wolfley Tegan Malone	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Oklahoma City</b> Midwest City	<b>5,308</b> 4,530
DISTRICT 96 Preston Stinson	Republican	Edmond	Unopposed
DISTRICT 97 Lisa Janloo Jason Lowe	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Spencer <b>Oklahoma City</b>	3,186 <b>8,367</b>

DISTRICT 98 Dean Davis	Republican	<b>Broken Arrow</b>	Unopposed
DISTRICT 99 Ajay Pittman	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 100 Marilyn Stark Chaunté Gilmore	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Bethany</b> Oklahoma City	<b>6,285</b> 5,277
DISTRICT 101 Robert Manger	Republican	Oklahoma City	Unopposed

## JUSTICES OF THE OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT

SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 2		
DUSTIN P. ROWE	Yes:	668,080
	No:	361,278
SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 5		
JAMES R. WINCHESTER	Yes:	653,330
	No:	375,076
SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 6		
DANA KUEHN	Yes:	680,378
	No:	347,435
SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 8		
DOUGLAS L. COMBS	Yes:	628,893
	No:	397,842

# JUDGES OF THE OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT	1 - OFFICE 1	
STACIE L. HIXON	Yes:	688,258
	No:	333,863
COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT	<b>3 - OFFICE 1</b>	
GREGORY C. BLACKWELL	Yes:	662,686
	No:	355,364
COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT	<b>3 - OFFICE 2</b>	
JOHN F. FISCHER	Yes:	629,552
	No:	388,420

COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRIC	T 4 - OFFICE 1	
BARBARA G. SWINTON	Yes:	655,328
	No:	363,400
COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRIC	T 5 - OFFICE 1	
THOMAS E. PRINCE	Yes:	659,375
	No:	354,706

Upon motion of Representative Echols, the Joint Session was ordered dissolved at the hour of 2:10 p.m.