

**JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTIES OF BAKER, GRANT,
HARNEY, LAKE AND MALHEUR**

January 21, 2020

A Joint Special Meeting of the Baker County Board of Commissioners, Grant County Court, Harney County Court, Lake County Board of Commissioners, and Malheur County Court was held on January 21, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Mountain Time, at Treasure Valley Community College (TVCC), in Ontario, Oregon; that being the time and place for the meeting as set by the Secretary of State pursuant to ORS 171.060. The sole purpose of the meeting was to appoint a person to fill the vacancy in the Legislative Assembly, State Representative District 60, due to the resignation of Representative Lynn Findley.

Present at the meeting site were: Baker County: Commissioner Bill Harvey and Commissioner Mark Bennett; Grant County: Judge Scott Myers, Commissioner Jim Hamsher, and Commissioner Sam Palmer; Harney County: Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, and Commissioner Mark Owens; and Malheur County: Judge Dan Joyce, Commissioner Don Hodge, and Commissioner Larry Wilson.

Present at the meeting telephonically were: Baker County: Commissioner Bruce Nichols (joined shortly after oral roll call); and Lake County: Commissioner Bradley Winters, Commissioner James Williams, and Commissioner Mark Albertson.

Additionally, various members of the public, media, and staff were present.

The Secretary of State notified the county governing bodies that the nominees chosen to fill the vacancy by the Republican Party precinct committeepersons of State Representative District 60 were: Mark Owens, Tim Smith, and Tom Van Diepen. Mark Owens was the only nominee present at the meeting.

Pursuant to ORS 171.060, Malheur County Judge Dan Joyce was selected by the Secretary of State as Chair of the meeting; Chair Judge Joyce called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Mountain Time (the meeting was called to order four minutes late due to technical difficulties with the conference line); led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and announced the purpose of the meeting. An oral roll call was conducted. It was proposed that the manner of vote be an oral vote; the vote of each governing body was recorded and included in the written statement required by ORS 171.060(3).

Nominee Mark Owens was allotted three (3) minutes to introduce himself; members of the governing bodies were allotted one (1) question to ask the nominee with the nominee having two (2) minutes to answer each question.

Upon completion of the interviews, Chair Judge Joyce called for deliberation and asked if there was a motion for a vote. Commissioner Mark Bennett moved for a vote. Commissioner Jim Hamsher seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Judge Joyce conducted an oral vote.

Harney County Clerk Derrin (Dag) Robinson and Malheur County Clerk Gayle Trotter tallied the votes. Mark Owens was unanimously appointed to fill the State Representative District 60 position.

The written statement of appointment was signed by all governing body members present at the meeting site; it was noted that the written statement would be forwarded electronically to those participating telephonically for their signatures. Chair Judge Joyce thanked TVCC for providing the venue for the meeting; and the meeting was adjourned. The Statement is recorded as instrument [#2020-0314](#)