

PRESS RELEASE



OKLAHOMA COUNTY
REPUBLICAN PARTY

June 24, 2022

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OKLAHOMA COUNTY GOP CHAIR CALLS FOR MCQUILLEN TO DROP OUT OF AUDITOR'S RACE

The events of yesterday (6/23/22) and the arrest of the co-founders of EPIC Charter schools brings to light the egregious actions of a few bad actors in our state.

Of the incidents listed in the Affidavit of Cause resulting from a 9-year OSBI investigation, EPIC's co-founders are accused of contributing hundreds of thousands of EPIC – taxpayer – dollars to dark money PACs to defeat Cindy Byrd – the State Auditor and Inspector whose audit originally uncovered and reported EPIC's irregular and inappropriate activities.

Byrd's primary challenger, Steve McQuillin has not campaigned for the office as a candidate, nor does his campaign have any money. His entire campaign relies on dark money smear tactics which include propagating lies about Byrd and inaccurate statements about his own experience and abilities if elected, crossing the line of decency and fair play.

In addition, Steve McQuillin has two bankruptcies on his record from 2002 and 2020 and he is not a licensed CPA. While working for Tulsa Public Schools, he lost 300 thousand dollars in assets.

Byrd, on the other hand, has 25 years of government auditing experience, exposed 1.6 billion dollars in questioned Medicaid expenses and uncovered over 200 million dollars in questioned funds during the EPIC audit – for which she won an award from the National Association of State Auditors Comptrollers and Treasurers.

Today, because of these facts, I am calling for candidate Steve McQuillin to drop out of the Oklahoma State Auditor and Inspector's race. Oklahomans shouldn't have an unqualified candidate foisted on them using their own taxpayer dollars funneled through dark money PAC's to keep the donors secret, while peddling lies and untruths about the award-winning Oklahoman working hard as your State Auditor and Inspector. Enough is enough.

In Liberty,
Ken Warner, Chair
Oklahoma County Republican Party

Contact:

Jenni White, Press Secretary
Oklahoma County Republican Party
info@okcogop.com | 405-849-5198

Re-Elect
Cindy
BYRD

Republican
CPA For State Auditor



“Cindy Byrd is a conservative leader with steadfast principles to protect the taxpayer. She is doing her job in delivering an efficient, small government for Oklahomans. Join me in voting for Cindy on June 28!”

- GOV. KEVIN STITT



Unlicensed Steven McQuillen	State Auditor Cindy Byrd, CPA
NOT a CPA	CPA
Did NOT vote for President Trump in the Republican Presidential Primary of March 2016, OR his re-election primary of 2020. In fact, didn't even bother to vote at all	Voted for President Trump in the Republican Presidential Primary in March 2016 & President Trump Re-Election Primary in March 2020
0 years of government auditing experience, 20 years Tulsa Public School employee. May be confused about duties of the office as he would have no authority to do what mailers claim he will	25 Years of government auditing experience. Exposed \$1.6 billion in questioned Medicaid expenditures, \$200 million in questioned expenditures in public education funds, and is currently performing an audit of the state Department of Education, the first of its kind in the nation
Lost \$300,000 of school assets under his watch as inventory clerk	Exposed nearly \$2 Billion in questioned and/or misappropriated taxpayer dollars
Two Bankruptcies, latest in 2020 which reflected \$90k in student loan debt	No Bankruptcies
Was still registered Democrat after Tulsa County held a Republican majority	Switched to Republican when her Little Dixie home county was ~13% registered GOP, years before she ran for office
Vision of State Auditor's Office: McQuillen wants to outsource the taxpayers' watchdog which would leave the office as nothing more than a filing house for outside CPAs to turn in the audits - and a move that would cost taxpayers 40% more	Vision of State Auditor's Office: Byrd is a fighter for taxpayers, exposing multiple corruption schemes and reporting her findings directly to the taxpayers
Investigation of Epic Public Charter Schools: Criticizes the current State Auditor for exposing corruption His children attend Epic Schools	Investigation of Epic Public Charter Schools: Exposed over \$200 million in questioned expenditures of taxpayer funds including portions that were sent to a California school. Won the National Award 2022 for Excellence in Accountability & Transparency for top forensic audit in the nation - Epic Charter Schools

www.CindyByrd.com

Check where to vote: <https://okvoterportal.okelections.us>

Authorized & Paid for by Oklahomans For Byrd 2022