



TEXAS
ELECTION SUPERVISORY BOARD

2026 CAMPUS-WIDE ELECTIONS

Resolution 2026-008

Issued: March 5, 2026

Ingole v. Dixon & Watt

Election Supervisory Board Resolution: 2026-008

In Res. Third Party Endorsements, Spending Limits, and Exceeding Spending Limit

Election Supervisory Board Chairman Samuel J. Hecht delivered the majority opinion of the board:

“In the matter of third-party endorsements, spending limits, and exceeding spending limits”

On Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 11:55 P.M. CST, Daksh Ingole submitted a complaint (Complaint ID: 8) against the Executive Alliance, Kiera Dixon and Jaden Watt, alleging that they violated the following election codes:

Chapter III, Subchapter B, §3.22, Student Government Specific Election Code:

*“**THIRD PARTY ENDORSEMENTS** All campaign materials distributed by and/or paid for by an endorser of a candidate must be included in the candidate’s campaign expenditures.”*

Chapter III, Subchapter B, §3.27, Student Government Specific Election Code:

*“**RISK OF DISQUALIFICATION.** Failure to file accurate financial disclosure statements by the deadlines listed in this section, or falsification of financial statements, could result in disqualification of the candidate(s) or executive alliance(s) by the Election Supervisory Board and the Office of the Dean of Students.”*

Chapter IV, Subchapter A, §4.1 Student Government Specific Election Code:

*“**SPENDING LIMITS.** Candidates in all Student Government campus-wide elections shall adhere to the following spending limits:*

- (a) Executive Alliance: \$1,000.00 in any general election or special election; and,
- (b) University-wide Representative: \$500.00 in any general election or special election; and,
- (c) First-Year Representative: \$250.00 in any general election or special election; and,
- (d) College Representatives: \$200.00 in any general election or special election.

Title II, Chapter VII, §7.3 Campus-Wide Election Code:

***“EXCEEDING SPENDING LIMIT.** Candidates whose total expenditures exceed 120% of their designated spending limit will be immediately disqualified. In extenuating circumstance, ESB may apply a substitute sanction.”*

Complaining party, Daksh Ingole, argued that Executive Alliance, Kiera Dixon & Jaden Watt, failed to properly disclose expenses related to third-party endorsements related and therefore exceeded the spending limit by working with University Democrats. Ingole alleged University Democrats publicly endorsed the Dixon and Watt campaign distributed flyers, endorsing both Campus-Wide Election Candidates and Texas Democratic Primary Candidates, while also providing pizza, water, and Gatorade to students waiting in line to vote. Ingole further argued that these materials and resources constituted campaign expenditures and third-party campaign support that should have been reflected on the Dixon and Watt Executive Alliance’s financial disclosure.

Ingole presented photographic exhibits showing individuals outside of various locations around the University of Texas at Austin campus, showing voters (whether that be Campus-Wide or Primary) with water and pizza. Further, the photographic evidence showed a member of the Dixon and Watt campaign wearing a lanyard, purchased by the campaign, holding a piece of paper. Ingole argued that these individuals will be working in conjunction with University Democrats to circumvent election codes in order to supersede the spending limits as stated in the election codes. Further, Ingole asserted that the alleged coordination between University Democrats and the Executive Alliance Kiera Dixon and Jaden Watt, constituted campaign activity and should have been reported on the campaign’s financial disclosure.

Daksh Ingole brought forth a witness who testified to being handed a flier by an alleged member of University Democrats while in line to vote.

The Kiera Dixon & Jaden Watt Executive Alliance denied any coordination with University Democrats, the distribution of pizza, water, Gatorade or other endorsement materials. The respondents stated that the food and drinks provided at the polling location had been purchased by members of various Texas Political Candidates, participating in the Democratic Primaries which coincided with the Campus-Wide Election. They and their counsel explained that the endorsement materials distributed by a third-party, University Democrats.

The Kiera Dixon & Jaden Watt Executive Alliance brought Adit Raha, Vice President of University Democrats, who testified that he did not engage in any coordination with the Kiera Dixon & Jaden Watt Executive Alliance. Raha also explained that University Democrats endorsed the Kiera Dixon & Jaden Watt Executive Alliance.

The Executive Alliance also provided photographic evidence of receipts of the pizza, and other beverages, which were all purchased by other individuals working for various political campaigns, not related to the Campus-Wide Election.

Evidence provided by the Kiera Dixon & Jaden Watt Executive Alliance substantiated the claims that the pizza and other things had been purchased for campaigning. Moreover, the Vice President of University Democrats stated that his organization was responsible for the printing and distribution of the fliers, and not in any way related or affiliated to the Kiera Dixon & Jaden Watt campaign, and endorsed them as an organization, and that the fliers they distributed were the sole doing of University Democrats, not the campaign.

Based on these facts, the Election Supervisory Board has ruled that the Kiera Dixon and Jaden Watt Executive Alliance did not violate Chapter III, Subchapter B, §3.22, Student Government Specific Election Code, Chapter III, Subchapter B, §3.27, Student Government Specific Election Code, Chapter IV, Subchapter A, §4.1 Student Government Specific Election Code, or Title II, Chapter VII, §7.3 Campus-Wide Election Code.

In conclusion, The Election Supervisory Board submits its resolution on Thursday, March 4th, 2026, in a six-to-zero majority of the board members who were present at the hearing.

AFFIRMATIVE VOTES:

Samuel J. Hecht – (Chairman)

Kaya Miller – (Secretary)

Vivek Patel

Isabella Herrera

Dawson Nunn

Sam Huron

2026-008, *INGOLE V. DIXON & WATT*, IS RULED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Pursuant to **Title II, Chapter IV, Subchapter C, §4.19 Campus-Wide Election Code:**

“APPEAL OF ESB DECISION. *Either party affected by a decision of the Election Supervisory Board may file an appeal with the entity with appellate jurisdiction within 24 hours after the adverse decision is announced. After the polls open, an appeal must be filed within 12 hours after the adverse decision.*”