



**TEXAS**  
ELECTION SUPERVISORY BOARD

**2026 CAMPUS-WIDE ELECTIONS**

**Resolution 2026-010**

Issued: March 5, 2026

*LaMette v. Kratovil & English*

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**Election Supervisory Board Resolution: 2026-010**  
In Res. Early Campaigning

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

“Early Campaigning through a Social Media platform”

On Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 11:59 P.M. CST, Larison LaMette submitted a complaint (Complaint ID: 10) against the Executive Alliance, Cate Kratovil and Bailey English, alleging that they violated the following election codes:

**Title II, Chapter VII, §7.4 Campus-Wide Election Code:**

*“UNAUTHORIZED CAMPAIGNING. All candidates are prohibited from campaigning, soliciting, or otherwise bringing attention to their campaign or election before the campaign period.”*

**Title II, Chapter VII, §7.5 Campus-Wide Election Code:**

*“SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY. Any social media activity that propagates specific language (by retweeting, sharing, or equivalent means) is considered speech on the part of the campaign and subject to the provisions in this code and university guidelines that regulate speech.”*

Complaining party, Larison LaMette, stated that he saw the Cate Kratovil and Bailey English Executive Alliance campaign Instagram, @catexbailey2026, around midnight on February 16, 2026, the start of the official campaign season. He stated that the account had a significant number of followers, which would be impossible to do in such a short amount of time due to Instagrams restrictions on mass following. LaMette prevented a screenshot of the Cate Kratovil and Bailey English Executive Alliance Instagram, timestamped February 16 at 1:37 A.M. The screenshot showed 397 followers and 456 following.

Cate Kratovil and Bailey English stated that this Instagram account, @catexbailey2026, was a re-purposed account that was created in December 2025. They explained that they converted an old account and provided a printout of the former profile photo. They also explained that they did not post any campaign related materials until after 12:01 A.M. on February 16, and that the following and followers were previously amassed from the old account and remained when they changed the username.

Upon questioning the complainant, Larison LaMette, could not provide any evidence that proved Cate and Bailey had used the account to campaign prior to the 1:37 A.M. screenshot.

Based on the facts of this case, the Election Supervisory Board has ruled that the Cate Kratovil and Bailey English Executive Alliance did not violate Title II, Chapter VII, §7.4 Campus-Wide Election Code or Title II, Chapter VII, §7.5 Campus-Wide Election Code.

In conclusion, the Election Supervisory Board submits its resolution on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in a five-to-zero majority of the board members who were present at the hearing.

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTES:**

Samuel J. Hecht – (Chairman)

Kaya Miller – (Secretary)

Vivek Patel

Dawson Nunn

Sam Huron

2026-010, *LAMETTE V. KRATOVIL & ENGLISH*, 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.”*