

TEXAS
ELECTION SUPERVISORY BOARD

2026 CAMPUS-WIDE ELECTIONS

Advisory Opinion 2026-002

Issued: January 12, 2026

FILING DEADLINE & PENALTY

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, & CONCERNS SHALL BE DIRECTED TO ESB@AUSTIN.UTEXAS.EDU
SUSPECTED ELECTION VIOLATION? **REPORT IT [HERE](#).**

The 2026 Election Supervisory Board is issuing an Advisory Opinion (**AO 2026-002**) regarding the end of the Spring 2026 Campus-Wide Elections filing period.

Pursuant to **Title II, Chapter III, Subchapter A, §3.1 Campus-Wide Election Code**, the Election Supervisory Board shall be responsible for the administration of campus-wide elections:

“The Election Supervisory Board shall be responsible for the administration of campus-wide elections.”

Pursuant to **Title II, Chapter I, §2.1 Campus-Wide Election Code**, Advisory Opinions issued by the Election Supervisory are defined as:

“ADVISORY OPINION” refers to any opinion issued by the Election Supervisory Board concerning any matter affecting the campus-wide elections that may not be included within the language of the election code. Advisory Opinions issued by the ESB shall be binding and enforceable for the duration of the election to which they apply. Compliance with an advisory opinion shall constitute compliance with this code, and non-compliance shall constitute grounds for violations of this code.”

The Campus-Wide Election Code defines both “Candidate” and “Filing Agreement,” setting forth who is considered a candidate under the code, and the requirements such individuals must satisfy to file for campus-wide elections.

Title II, Chapter II, §2.8 Campus-Wide Election Code defines “CANDIDATE” as:

“CANDIDATE” refers to any student consenting and/or endeavoring to be elected as expressed by filing to run for office in accordance with this and all applicable election codes.”

Title II, Chapter VI, Subchapter A, §6.7 Campus-Wide Election Code defines “FILING AGREEMENT” as:

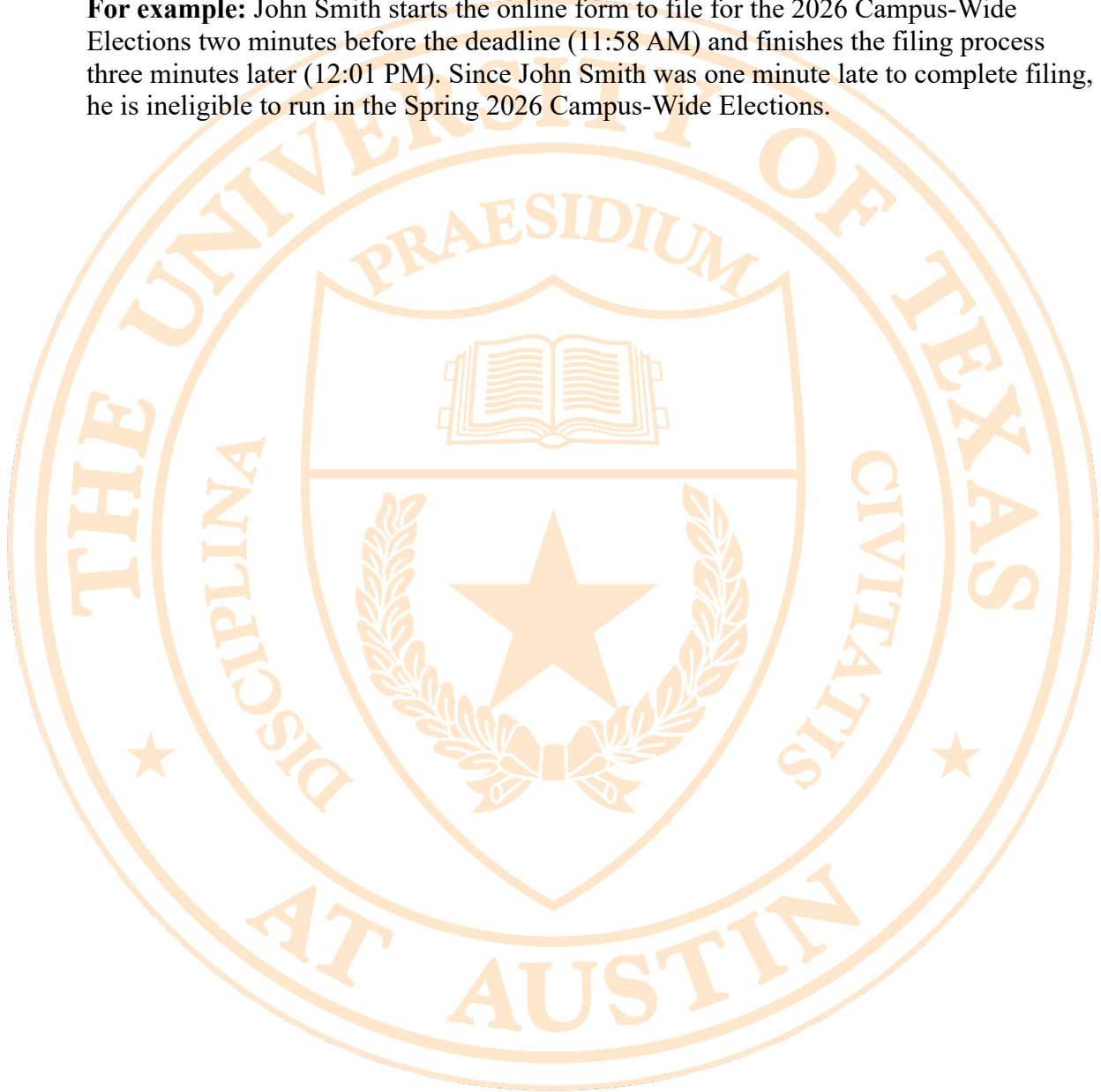
“FILING AGREEMENT. Each candidate must complete and submit a Campus-Wide Elections Filing Agreement for each race they are entering.”

With regards to the filing deadline, Title II, Chapter VI, Subchapter A, §6.6 reads:

“FILING PERIOD. The filing period shall open at 9 a.m. on the first day of the spring term and shall remain open until 12 noon the day of the candidate seminar. Candidates may file in-person or electronically.”

Candidates running in the Spring 2026 Election cycle are required to complete filing by **Monday, February 9, 2026, at 12:00 PM CST (noon)**. As such, any candidate who completes filing past the deadline of 12:00 PM CST on February 9, 2026, will be deemed ineligible to run, regardless of the time they began the filing process.

For example: John Smith starts the online form to file for the 2026 Campus-Wide Elections two minutes before the deadline (11:58 AM) and finishes the filing process three minutes later (12:01 PM). Since John Smith was one minute late to complete filing, he is ineligible to run in the Spring 2026 Campus-Wide Elections.



BY THE POWER VESTED IN THE ELECTION SUPERVISORY BOARD OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN,

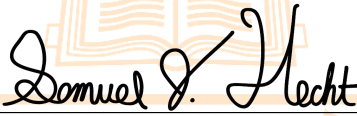
ADVISORY OPINION 2026-002 (AO 2026-002) IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.


x _____

KAYA MILLER
SECRETARY

VIVEK PATEL
VOTING MEMBER

LAUREN PHAM
VOTING MEMBER


x _____

SAMUEL J. HECHT
CHAIRMAN

SAMUEL HURON
VOTING MEMBER

DAWSON NUNN
VOTING MEMBER


x _____

RILEY T. MCCAIN
VICE CHAIRMAN

ISABELLA HERRERA
VOTING MEMBER

MICHAEL DE LA GARZA
VOTING MEMBER

Disciplina • Praesidium • Civitatis