



**TEXAS**  
ELECTION SUPERVISORY BOARD

**2026 CAMPUS-WIDE ELECTIONS**

**Advisory Opinion 2026-004**

Issued: January 22, 2026

***ESB AS SOLE QUESTION RESPONDENT AUTHORITY***

The 2026 Election Supervisory Board is issuing an Advisory Opinion (**AO 2026-004**) to clarify the Election Supervisory Board's role in answering student inquiries.

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:

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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.”*

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Pursuant to **Title II, Chapter III, Subchapter A, §3.1 Campus-Wide Election Code**, the Election Supervisory Board is the administrator of Campus-Wide Elections, and therefore will be the only contact authorized to answer questions, concerns, and grievances:

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

Accordingly, any guidance, information, or interpretation provided by individuals or entities other than the Election Supervisory Board shall not be considered authoritative. In the event of a conflict between information provided by another party and the official interpretation of the Election Supervisory Board, the interpretation of the Election Supervisory Board and the Campus-Wide Election Code shall control.

Any attempt by third parties to answer questions undermines the Election Supervisory Board's purpose and authority and poses a serious risk to the conduct of fair student elections.

It shall not be a defensible excuse to violate any Election Codes because of information received from third parties.

BY THE POWER VESTED IN THE ELECTION SUPERVISORY BOARD OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN,  
ADVISORY OPINION 2026-004 (AO 2026-004) IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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