

TEXAS
ELECTION SUPERVISORY BOARD

2026 CAMPUS-WIDE ELECTIONS

Advisory Opinion 2026-005

Issued: January 12, 2026

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE SUBMISSIONS

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 2026-005**) to clarify the deadlines for financial disclosures and the associated penalties for missing said deadlines.

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.”

Pursuant to **Title II, Chapter VI, Subchapter C, §6.14 Campus-Wide Election Code**:

“CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE RECORDS. Each candidate must keep accurate and up-to-date records of all campaign receipts and expenditures. A template for financial disclosures for use by all candidates will be developed by the Election Supervisory Board and provided to each group by the first day of filing.”

Financial Disclosures are the purview of the Election Supervisory Board and must be submitted online per **Title II, Chapter VI, Subchapter C, §6.16 Campus-Wide Election Code**:

“FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. Financial disclosure statements shall be filed on the campus-wide election webpage at the following times:

- (A) *by 4:30 p.m., on the first day of campaigning.*
- (B) *by 4:30 p.m., on the last day of the general or special election.*
- (C) *The ESB must make all financial disclosures submitted by campaigns publicly available within 24 hours of the submission deadline.*

Following the specifications of the Campus-Wide Election Code, the two financial disclosures will be due on the following dates:

Financial Disclosure #1: Monday, February 16, 2026, at 4:30 PM CST.

Financial Disclosure #2: Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 4:30 PM CST

Financial disclosure forms can be filled out online and submitted. The candidate must file their expenditures as well as their in-kind donations and agents/worker lists through the “Submit Expenditures and Agents/Workers” portal on the aforementioned website. The second financial disclosure will become available for submission after the due date for the first. The candidate can only submit each disclosure once. If changes are needed to correct errors, the candidate must email ESB at esb@austin.utexas.edu with details requesting the correction as soon as possible.

Campaign receipts must also be submitted online. The candidate will be required to redact sensitive information (i.e. last four digits of any credit/debit card numbers), create a single PDF containing all their receipts for a particular financial disclosure, and appropriately name the PDF file in order to submit their receipts through the “Submit Campaign Receipts” portal on the aforementioned website. Candidates should visit the “Submit Campaign Receipts” portal in advance of each financial disclosure due date for step-by-step guidance on submitting their campaign receipts.

These forms must be submitted before their respective deadlines have passed. Each candidate must submit their Expenditures and Agents/Works regardless of whether the candidate has anything to disclose on the form. However, a candidate who has nothing to disclose, does not have to submit campaign receipts as they would not exist

For example: Jane Smith is running for an elected position but does not plan on spending/has not spent any money on her campaign. Jane Smith still must submit the Financial Disclosure expenditure and agent/worker form by the deadline by inputting a zero-dollar amount. Jane Smith would not have to submit any campaign receipts.

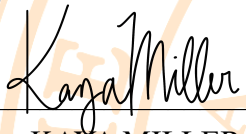
Failure to submit any Financial Disclosure forms by their respective deadlines will be recognized as failure to comply with the Campus-Wide Election Code and shall be subject to enforcement and sanction by the Election Supervisory Board and may result in penalties up to and including a CLASS D violation, resulting in disqualification, depending on how late they are submitted.

<u>LENGTH OF DELAY:</u>	<u>VIOLATION CLASS:</u>	<u>PENALTY:</u>
≤ 24 Hours	Class A	\$50
24-48 Hours	Class A	\$100
> 48 Hours	Class D	Disqualification

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

ADVISORY OPINION 2026-005 (AO 2026-005) IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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