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ELECTION SUPERVISORY BOARD

2026 CAMPUS-WIDE ELECTIONS

Advisory Opinion 2026-008

Issued: February 8, 2026

***PROHIBITED POLITICAL ACTIVITY
BY ESB MEMBERS***

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 2026-008**) to clarify the prohibited political activity by members of the Election Supervisory Board.

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.”

Since the Campus-Wide Election Code does not address prohibited political activity by members of the Election Supervisory Board, the ESB has determined that it is necessary to prohibit certain political activities by its members to preserve the impartiality, transparency, and trust in the Campus-Wide Election.

Members of the Election Supervisory Board are prohibited from acting, directly or indirectly, as an “Agent” or “Worker” as defined:

Title II, Chapter II, §2.2 Campus-Wide Election Code:

“AGENT” refers to any candidate-appointed worker who is authorized to speak and act on behalf of the candidate.

Title II, Chapter II, §2.23 Campus-Wide Election Code:

“WORKER” refers to any person that contributes time, effort, or services for the purpose of supporting or furthering a candidacy, where the candidate or agent has knowledge of said contributions.

Members of the Election Supervisory Board are prohibited from any “Campaign” and or “Campaigning” as defined:

Title II, Chapter II, §2.4 Campus-Wide Election Code:

“CAMPAIGN” AND “CAMPAIGNING” refer to statements, literature, activities or deliberate uses or distribution of materials of any kind that have or are intended to have the effect of soliciting votes, support or interest for a candidate or elective office. Campaigning may only occur during the official campaign period as defined in this code.”

Members of the Election Supervisory Board are prohibited from holding any position that is contingent upon, or influenced by, the outcome of a Campus-Wide Election. This prohibition applies during the election process, after the election process, and throughout the duration of that elected candidate’s term.

Example: An ESB member is appointed to an Executive Alliance Cabinet.

Members of the Election Supervisory Board are prohibited from publicly endorsing, supporting, opposing, or otherwise advocating for any candidate or position in a Campus-Wide Election, directly or indirectly.

Example: An ESB member endorses Candidate Ima Longhorn on their social media.

Members of the Election Supervisory Board are prohibited from engaging in any financial activity in support of a Campus-Wide Election campaign.

Example: An ESB member gives Candidate Ima Longhorn \$30 for their Campaign.

The Election Supervisory Board, as an entity, is prohibited from endorsing, supporting, opposing or otherwise advocating for any Campus-Wide Election campaign.

Example: The ESB cannot endorse Candidate Ima Longhorn for Executive Alliance.

Failure to adhere to this Advisory Opinion is subject to removal pursuant to **Title II, Chapter III, Subchapter B, §3.9 (b)**:

“ESB MEMBER REMOVAL. *Any member of the Election Supervisory Board may be removed for just cause by a unanimous vote of the ESB Selection Committee.*

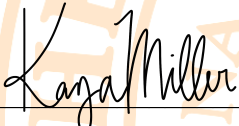
- (b) *Any Election Supervisory Board member may request that the ESB Selection Committee hold a hearing to remove a member of the ESB if they are not carrying out their duties.”*

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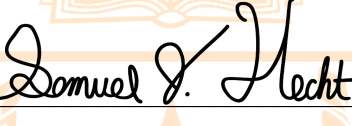
ADVISORY OPINION 2026-008 (AO 2026-008) IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



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