

**TEXAS**  
ELECTION SUPERVISORY BOARD

**2026 CAMPUS-WIDE ELECTIONS**

**Advisory Opinion 2026-009**

Issued: February 7, 2026

***PENALTY MATRIX***

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, & CONCERNS SHALL BE DIRECTED TO [ESB@AUSTIN.UTEXAS.EDU](mailto:ESB@AUSTIN.UTEXAS.EDU)  
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The 2026 Election Supervisory Board is issuing an Advisory Opinion (**AO 2026-009**) to create a standard Penalty Matrix.

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.*”

**Title II, Chapter IV, Subchapter B, §4.15 (a) Campus-Wide Election Code:**

*“**FINE**” If a candidate, or a candidate’s agents or workers, commits a violation resulting in a fine, the Election Supervisory Board has the authority to fine the candidate.*

- (a) *Each election cycle, the ESB shall establish a fine matrix which quantifies fines. This matrix shall be presented at the candidate seminar and made public.”*

Pursuant to **Title II, Chapter IV, Subchapter B, §4.15 (a) Campus-Wide Election Code**, the Election Supervisory Board has created a Fine Matrix. This Matrix also incorporates additional sanctioning measures, thereby constituting a standardized Penalty Matrix that ensures consistency, transparency, and fairness in enforcement.

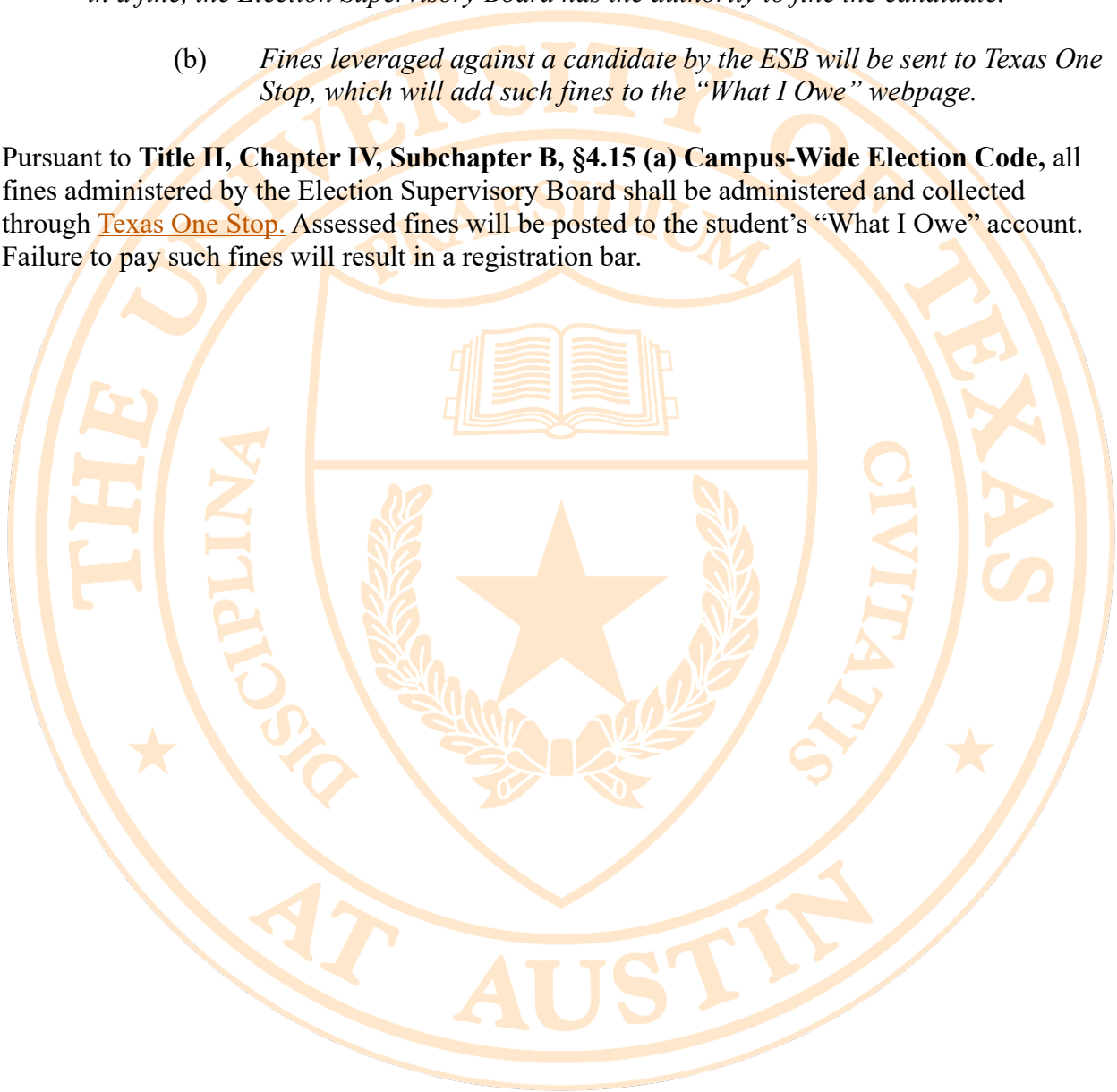
<b>VIOLATION CLASS</b>	<b>SANCTION</b>	<b>FINE AMOUNT</b>	<b>MORATORIUM</b>
<b>CLASS A</b>	Fine	≤ \$100	N/A
<b>CLASS B</b>	Moratorium	N/A	≤ 48 hours
<b>CLASS C</b>	Fine + Moratorium	≤ \$250	≤ 96 hours
<b>CLASS D</b>	Disqualification		

**Title II, Chapter IV, Subchapter B, §4.15 (b) Campus-Wide Election Code:**

*“FINE” If a candidate, or a candidate’s agents or workers, commits a violation resulting in a fine, the Election Supervisory Board has the authority to fine the candidate.*

- (b) *Fines leveraged against a candidate by the ESB will be sent to Texas One Stop, which will add such fines to the “What I Owe” webpage.*

Pursuant to **Title II, Chapter IV, Subchapter B, §4.15 (a) Campus-Wide Election Code**, all fines administered by the Election Supervisory Board shall be administered and collected through **Texas One Stop**. Assessed fines will be posted to the student’s “What I Owe” account. Failure to pay such fines will result in a registration bar.

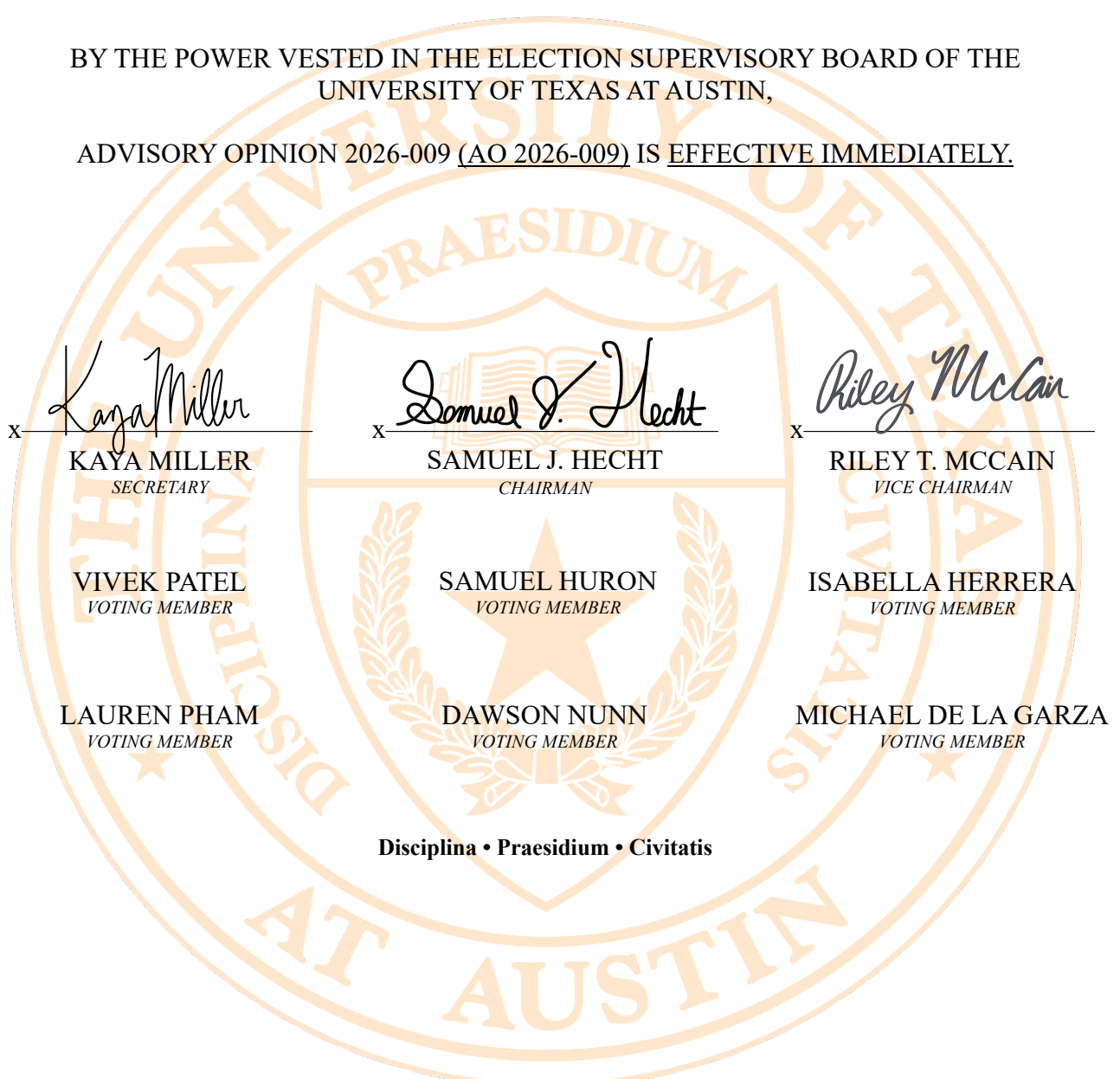


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ELECTION SUPERVISORY BOARD

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

ADVISORY OPINION 2026-009 (AO 2026-009) IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



The seal of the University of Texas at Austin is a large, faint watermark in the background. It features a central five-pointed star surrounded by a wreath. Above the star is a shield with an open book. The words "UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS" are written in a circular path around the top, and "AT AUSTIN" is at the bottom. The Latin motto "PRAESIDIUM CIVITATIS" is written across the middle of the seal.

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