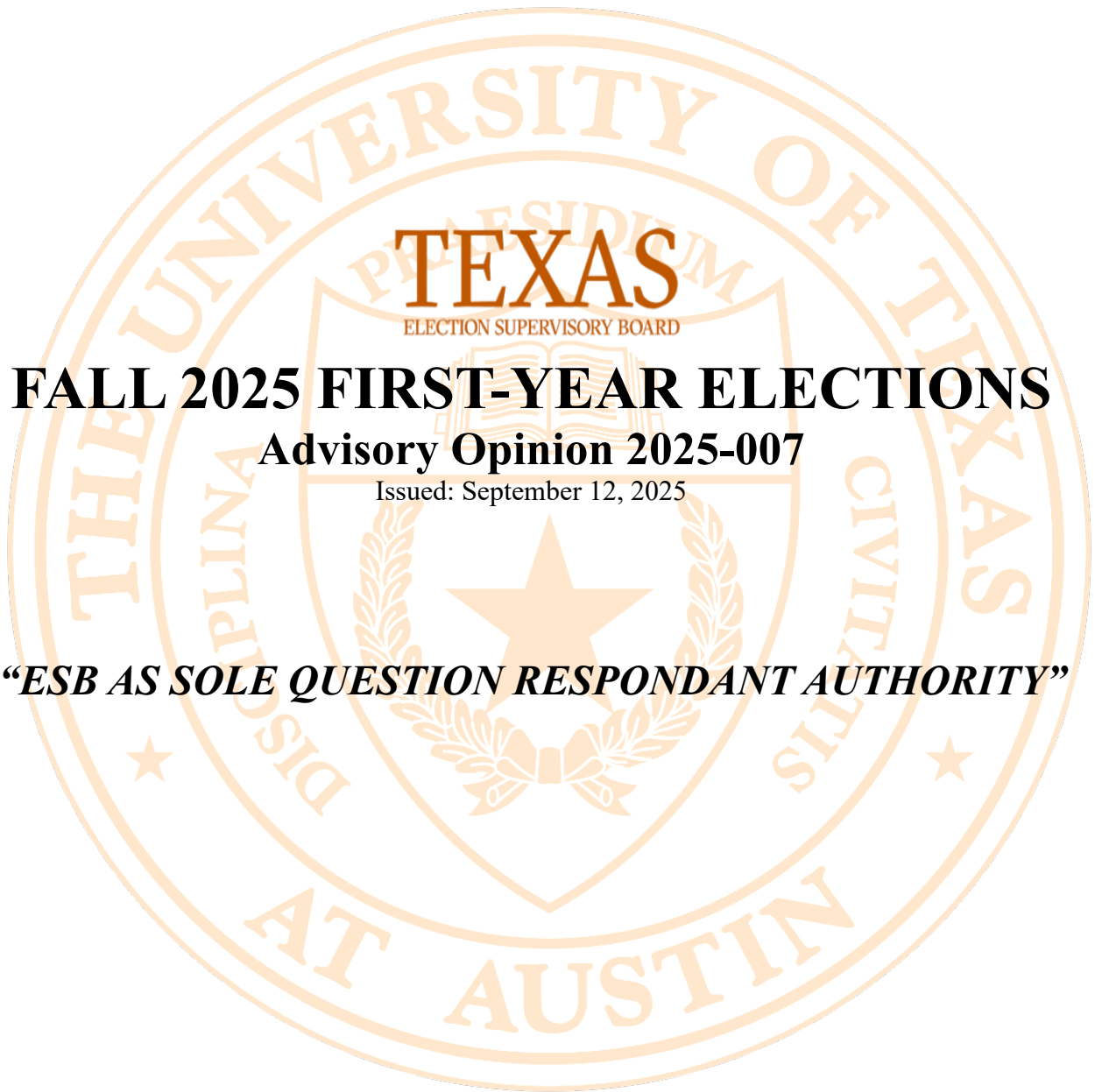




FALL 2025 FIRST-YEAR ELECTIONS

Advisory Opinion 2025-007

Issued: September 12, 2025

“ESB AS SOLE QUESTION RESPONDANT AUTHORITY”

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The 2025 FYE Election Supervisory Board (ESB) is authoring Advisory Opinion **AO 2025-007**.

WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Austin, Student Government Constitution, authorizes the Election Supervisory Board to oversee and decide on cases for First-Year Elections (FYE). This power is vested in the ESB per **The University of Texas at Austin Student Government Constitution Article VI: Election, §6.7:**

“The Election Supervisory Board shall oversee the annual fall first year student elections of the first-year representatives.”

WHEREAS, The acronym UTSGC should refer to The University of Texas at Austin Student Government Constitution.

WHEREAS, **UTSGC Article IV: Elections, §6.14 ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF ELECTION SUPERVISORY BOARD** states:

“Election disputes and grievances shall be first heard by the Election Supervisory Board organized by the Office of the Dean of Students.”

WHEREAS, The acronym CWEC shall refer to The University of Texas at Austin Campus-Wide Election Code.

WHEREAS, **CWEC Chapter III – Election Supervisory Board, Subchapter C: ESB Positions and Responsibilities, §3.12 ASSIGNMENT OF CANDIDATES** states:

“The remaining members of the Election Supervisory Board shall be assigned an equal group of candidates for whose questions, complaints, and financial statements they are responsible.”

WHEREAS, The Election Supervisory Board has determined that **CWEC Chapter III: §3.12** vests the power in the board as the sole proprietor to answer any and all “questions” that candidates, potential candidates, students, or members of the University of Texas Student Government may have pertaining to Fall First-Year Elections.

WHEREAS, The acronym UTSGC should refer to The University of Texas at Austin Student Government Constitution.

WHEREAS, **UTSGC Article I: Membership and Structure, §1.8 SEPARATE BRANCHES OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT** states:

“The governing structure of The University of Texas at Austin Student Government shall consist of the following three separate branches: the executive branch, the legislative branch, and the judicial branch.”

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WHEREAS, The Acronym SGEC shall refer to The University of Texas at Austin Student Government Election Code.

WHEREAS, **SGEC Chapter II: Definitions, §2.7 “REGULATORY BODIES”** states:

““REGULATORY BODIES” include the Election Supervisory Board and all other administrative bodies of the election process, including the Office of the Dean of Students.”

WHEREAS, The Election Supervisory Board exists as an independent regulatory body, separate from the three branches of Student Government, whose duty is to remain impartial in any and all election related questions, complaints, grievances, etc.

WHEREAS, The Election Supervisory Board’s impartiality in student elections is paramount to a free, fair and honest election that is of integrity and of the populus.

WHEREAS, Due to such impartiality, and **CWEC Chapter III: §3.12**, the Election Supervisory Board has determined that any and all questions shall be directed to the board itself, and the board itself only.

WHEREAS, Questions that are facilitated to any party besides the ESB, including but not limited to active University of Texas Student Government members, alliances, executives, agents, or workers, shall not be considered a valid interpretation or response, and are not an excuse for violation of election rules.

WHEREAS, Any attempt from outside parties to answer questions undermines the purpose and authority of the Election Supervisory Board and poses a serious risk to the facilitation of fair student elections.

THEREFORE, The Election Supervisory Board shall be the sole respondent of any and all questions on elections.

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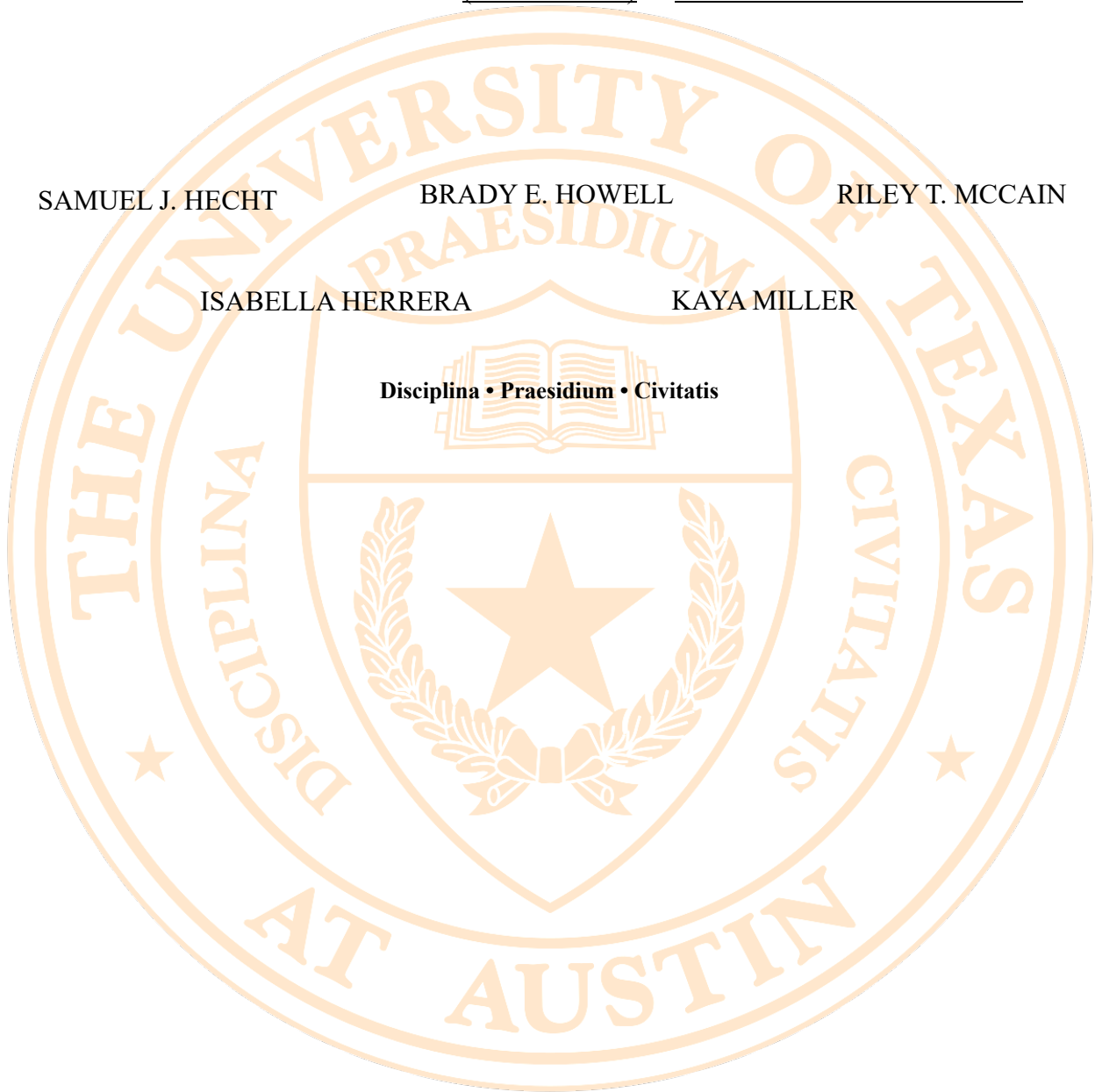
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