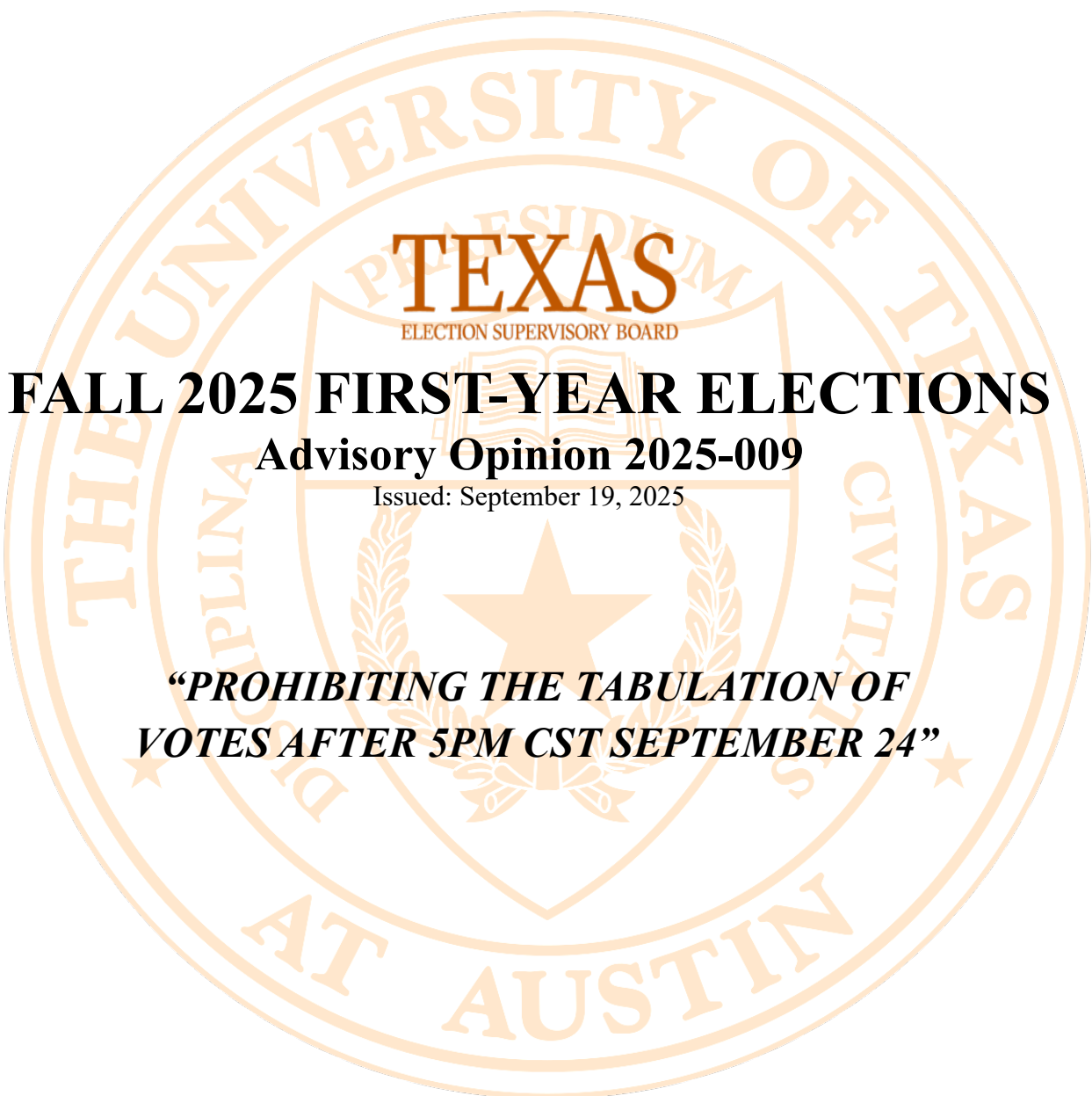


The background of the page features a large, faint, orange-toned seal of The University of Texas at Austin. The seal is circular with the words "THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS" around the top and "AT AUSTIN" around the bottom. In the center is a shield with a five-pointed star, flanked by two olive branches. Above the shield is a banner with the word "PRESIDIUM".

TEXAS
ELECTION SUPERVISORY BOARD

FALL 2025 FIRST-YEAR ELECTIONS

Advisory Opinion 2025-009

Issued: September 19, 2025

***“PROHIBITING THE TABULATION OF
VOTES AFTER 5PM CST SEPTEMBER 24”***

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The 2025 FYE Election Supervisory Board (ESB) is authoring Advisory Opinion **AO 2025-009**.

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 **UT Austin Student Government Constitution §6.7**:

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

WHEREAS, **The University of Texas at Austin Student Government Campus-Wide Election Code Chapter V: Election Timetable, §5.1 (a)** states:

(a) *“Polling hours for the campus-wide elections shall be from 8 a.m. on the first day of voting in the campus-wide elections until 5 p.m. on the second day of voting in the campus-wide elections.”*

WHEREAS, The acronym “CWEC” shall stand for University of Texas Campus-Wide Election Code.

WHEREAS, the ESB in regards to 2025 First-Year Elections, will borrow language from **CWEC Chapter V: Election Timetable, §5.1 (a)**, specifically:

“Polling hours for the campus-wide elections shall be from 8 a.m. on the first day of voting in the campus-wide elections until 5 p.m.”

WHEREAS, The text *“on the first day of voting in the campus-wide elections until,”* does not refer to First-Year Elections, and shall be omitted in the interpretation.

WHEREAS, No Student Government documents, including the CWEC, have specific language regarding First-Year Elections, specifically if ballots can be counted past the 5:00 PM CST deadline.

WHEREAS, The time that the First-Year Election polls shall close is September 24, 5 PM CST, and all votes must be in before the 5:00:00 PM CST minute mark.

THEREFORE, The Election Supervisory Board will prohibit the tabulation of any and all votes that are casted past the 5:00:00 PM CST deadline. If a student casts a vote past 5 PM CST, the vote will be disregarded, and not certified in the tabulation of First-Year Elections.

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

ADVISORY OPINION 2025-009 (AO 2025-009) IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

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