

September 25, 2025

Election Supervisory Board Resolution 2025-002 In res. Candidate Responsibility for Campaign Staff (Resolved: Wednesday, September 25, 2025)

Election Supervisory Board Secretary Riley McCain delivered the majority opinion of the board:

"In the matter of candidate responsibility for campaign staff"

WHEREAS, Campus-Wide Election Code, Chapter IV: Violations – Subchapter A: Hearings and Procedures, §4.10 states:

"The complaining party shall bear the burden of proof."

WHEREAS, Jonah Stafford, the complainant, did not appear before the board to participate in a hearing.

WHEREAS, Campus-Wide Election Code, Chapter IV: Violations – Subchapter A: Hearings and Procedures, §4.8 PRESENT AT HEARING states:

"The hearings will proceed regardless of whether parties are present."

WHEREAS, despite the absence of Jonah Stafford, the hearing proceeded.

WHEREAS, Campus-Wide Election Code, Chapter IV: Violations – Subchapter A: Hearings and Procedures, §4.10(a) ESB HEARING PROCEDURES states:

"The purpose of the hearing is to gather the information necessary to make a decision, order, or ruling that will resolve an election dispute."

WHEREAS, due to the absence of the complaining party, the Election Supervisory Board was unable to obtain the necessary information to resolve the reported election dispute.

THEREFORE, the Election Supervisory Board cannot rule on this matter.

THEREFORE, the Election Supervisory Board members present at the hearing voted to dismiss the complaint against Ford Myers.

RESOLVED, that any adversely affected party has the right to appeal this decision pursuant to the Campus-Wide Election Code, Chapter IV: Violations – Subchapter C: Appeals, §4.18, which reads:

"Any party adversely affected by the decision of the Election Supervisory Board may file an appeal with the entity with appellate jurisdiction within 24 hours after the adverse decision is announced."

IN CONCLUSION, the Election Supervisory Board submits its resolution on Thursday, September 25, 2025, with a five-to-zero majority of the board members who were present in the meeting.

