



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

**UCF Student Government**  
Elections & Appointments (E&A) Meeting  
Charge on Chamber  
06/05/2025

## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 6:23 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 12/13 (8)

| Name                                  | Email  | Initial | Final |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------|-------|
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| Senator Reed                          | <a href="mailto:sga_cah2@ucf.edu">sga_cah2@ucf.edu</a>   | P       | P     |
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**Chair Escobar: [sga\\_ea@ucf.edu](mailto:sga_ea@ucf.edu)**



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3. Approval of the Minutes: [06.04.25](#)
  - a. **Approved by GC.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
  - a. **Approved by GC.**
5. Announcements from the Chair
  - a. Escobar: Good afternoon. The committee is caucusing today for four Associate Justice confirmations, be ready with appropriate questions. Please feel free to refer to the Justice section of [E&A Questioning Diary](#), as I may call on members for questions.
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair
  - a. Chau: Hi everyone! Let's keep running effectively! Be germane, relevant, and efficient in terms of questioning or debate. I will say that earlier, because Vietnam was raining- my internet was going in and out, so if you notice that I am out of the meeting or I have stopped typing- I would appreciate committee members typing in their own questions or statements to keep the meeting going smoothly!
7. Announcements from Committee Members
  - a. None.
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members
  - a. None.
9. Old Business
10. New Business
  - a. Confirmations – [Materials](#)
    - i. Bianca Nunez for Associate Justice Seat #4
      1. Speech
        - a. Good evening, E&A. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak this evening. Today I am here before you for this position. I was born and raised in South FL, so when I transferred to UCF, I wanted to find a similar Latin community. Through JLC, I got further love for serving my community through their events- it was one of the most rewarding experiences in my career. Since joining the branch, the heart of my mission has stayed the same, everything else around me has evolved. I am determined to understand the organization that I became a part of. Throughout the commitment, I wanted to fully immerse myself and I joined every committee- I began shaping my vision into action. I want to make things more transparent for the Judicial Branch by making it more digestible

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through social media. I learned how far I came and how much more this is still to do. In the future, I plan to continue to leave my mark in the judicial branch. I am very excited to advocate for whistleblowers in the election process- this process can harm students from being an advocate because they are terrified of retaliation. We can and should advocate for these students and as a judicial member we are bound through impartiality- nonetheless, we should uphold students' rights and though we are impartial, we cannot stop being advocates. Thank you all, I yield the rest of my time.

## 2. Question

- a. Rickett: Can you explain the parking appeals process?
  - i. A student will get a ticket; they will receive a response through parking services- we are the second level in terms of responses. We look at the case virtual/written that tells us about the case so we can continue looking at information. We vote as counsel to uphold what parking services said, we can reduce it to a fee of \$10 or remove it completely.
- b. Rickett: What are some of your statutory requirements for being a Justice?
  - i. Remaining fair and impartial. Serve as a mentor for SGLC and JLC. Serve on internal committees.
- c. Gaudio: With the whistleblower initiative, can you note how aggressively you will push for it? How will you wrestle that with impartiality?
  - i. One of the main things that I want to start doing is just to have an open conversation with Pro-Temp or Brodie to get a better understanding of what it should look like. I am not trying to make a big change or push. Something else I included, in the case there is a veto, I would recuse myself if there was a vote- since that would be impartial.
- d. Gaudio: How do you think that a Justice being more proactive will reflect on the Judicial Branch on a whole?
  - i. I don't think it's a huge push because when seeing it in person- an election appeal was brought to us because there was a violation of due process. In the statutes, the name and

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contact need to be there. The filer ended up taking their name out because they were afraid for their privacy. There were a lot of questions addressing who they are. I don't want it to be something that reflects on the Judicial Branch- it was something that I saw personally and thought it would be best to highlight that and advocate for students' rights. I could always recuse myself and I know I have a stake in this and cannot be completely impartial.

- e. Reed: In your opinion, what makes a successful and effective judicial panel?
  - i. The variety. Speaking from experiences, we have students from all different forms of life. Even when having simple conversations, we need to have varied views and seeing different views of an argument. I think that's what makes a panel special.
- f. Rickett: MTD.

## 3. Debate

- a. Reed: I think her views and initiatives are very creative- especially the whistleblower initiative. She is a wonderful and successful person with extensive experience. I will vote in favor.
- b. Rickett: I had the pleasure of working with this candidate last year. It was a privilege and honor to serve SG with her. She has many accolades and the skill and knowledge to work as a student and Justice. MTV.

## 4. Vote

- a. 10-0-0
  - i. Confirmed by E&A Committee.
- ii. Noach David for Associate Justice Seat #2
  - 1. Speech
    - a. Good evening, thank you for meeting me today. I am honored to be here. I believe my experiences and character have led me to this position. 2 months ago, I detailed my extracurriculars and noted how being an intern let me review documents, being a tutor to advise students and tied that in with educating students about the parking appeal process, etc. I have continued to grow, I have completed my freshman year at UCF and let me develop a sense of

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community. I had my doubts about being in a leadership position. I have only been an Associate Justice for 2 months; I have been a part of 5 committees. I have been part of decisions that were landmark decisions. The Judicial Branch, with their utmost dedication and evidence of this can be seen in my growing initiatives. For instance, the visitation week and see students garner interest for the Judicial Branch. I plan to work with the Judicial Advertising Committee, and I am so excited to work with the Judicial Branch again. I look forward to being your fellow SG agent.

## 2. Question

- a. Rickett: Can you name some of the boards Justices serve on?
  - i. Student conduct, grade appeal boards, parking, fiscal administration, etc.
- b. Rickett: How many articles are in the UCF Constitution?
  - i. 6 articles: student body, legislative, executive, judicial, student affairs, and amendment process.
- c. Gaudio: One of your initiatives contains mediation. Can you see this something that you do on your own, any changes on statutes? What changes are needed?
  - i. I wasn't thinking of something that would be a new function. I was thinking that this could be done in an outreach event. We can do this now and again in the Charge on Chamber, but it is not a permanent function of the Judicial Branch.
- d. Reed: How would you ensure impartiality in cases that involve peers or acquaintances?
  - i. Whenever there is a conflict of interest, the Justice shall recuse themselves and I would do the same in that case.
- e. Kapinos: The classroom marketing initiative, what is your process if you want to market in a classroom where a professor is rarely there or does not want to. Will you be working with professors or the Division of Communications?
  - i. This was something that I was thinking that the Judicial branch can expand outreach. Lounging with Lawyers were mostly students from the Legal Studies department because the professors outreached to students and communicated to

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them. If Justices let department heads and professors know, we can expand our marketing more.

- f. Kapinos: What are other responsibilities you will be handling, how would you balance this with being an Associate Justice?
  - i. I still will be working as an Associate Justice, I work with my church- but once again it should not hinder my responsibilities. I learned how to manage my time as an Associate Justice in my freshman year as well.
- g. Lipner: Did you look into any existing mediation services at UCF? How will your proposal differ from those sessions and trainings?
  - i. I was able to find out about a few mediation resources. I wanted it to be similar to RA mediations, if students still feel unsatisfied- students can come to us to note their dissatisfaction.
- h. Beneche: MTD.

## 3. Debate

- a. Reed: Voting in favor. I really enjoy the ideas and initiatives, especially about mediation. I think that classroom marketing is a good way to reach students and something we don't see often- it will be beneficial by reaching out to professors in different majors so everyone can benefit from the Judicial Branch. For all these reasons, I encourage everyone to do the same.
- b. Beneche: Voting in favor. He is so bright-eyed and I love to see all their ideas. I think they will do so much amazing work. Everyone should vote in favor.
- c. Rickett: MTV.

## 4. Vote

- a. 11-1-0
  - i. Confirmed by E&A Committee.

## iii. Isabel Johnson for Associate Justice Seat #1

### 1. Speech

- a. Good evening, Election Commission Committee, thank you for being here this evening. I am from Lakeland FL. After college, I hope to go to law school to advocate for all communities. I am here to discuss why my character, and experiences will help this position. I was a part of SGLC and JLC, I learned all the intricacies.

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I am a part of Mock Trial and Lead Scholars program. I took part in 2 community service projects. I would like to broaden our outreach; it would be impactful to implement posters if students don't have social media. The vision is to make a larger version of Call the Council. I also have another initiative that I was unable to list on my proposal, I met several international students in my current study abroad trip at Spain, and they noted how they don't have the same opportunities- this inspired to make me create an international student caucus. I think I would be positive to the council.

## 2. Question

- a. Rickett: All Justices are required to be in a diversity session. Who handles those sessions?
  - i. I am not completely sure about the diversity training. I know we go through an orientation. I hope that it would be part of that orientation.
- b. Beneche: What is one duty of a Justice?
  - i. One duty is to conduct parking appeals; we offer that as a service to students. We are the 2<sup>nd</sup> level for the parking committee- we are able to overturn and uphold for the parking committee.
- c. Beneche: I am curious about this international student caucus. Could you note your plans for this?
  - i. I have met so many international students, they go to career fairs, but the jobs offered did not take any international students. Hard to find a community on international students. There is not an entire RSO for international students- only specific ethnicities for RSOs. They would love a platform made for them to make a community and host special international career fairs to help find them jobs.
- d. Lipner: Do you have any other involvements that could preclude you from prioritizing this position in the following year?
  - i. I am a part of Mock Trial and Lead Scholars- going through JLC, I saw the time commitments of the Justices. I thought extensively about my time commitments and took my application seriously so I could dedicate all my time to this branch.

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- e. Reed: How would you plan to work effectively with the Justices?
  - i. We remain professional and respectful and try to foster that environment in the branch. Work with them to start my initiatives and what committee to best utilize. I look forward to working with them pending confirmation.
- f. Rickett: MTD.
- 3. Debate
  - a. Metellus: Voting in favor. I like her initiatives; she is very knowledgeable about the position. I love the fact that she is a Lead Scholar. I can attest to the service and leadership skills from the program.
  - b. Reed: Voting in favor. I can tell she is passionate about this position, Mock Trial is a very extensive process. She gained great knowledge. Overall, I love her platform and all her ideas and I'm excited to see what she comes up with next year.
  - c. Beneche: Not sure. I love the international student caucus, whether the candidate gets confirmed- I am fascinated with the idea. I am nervous because the candidate does a lot, sometimes it can be a lot to manage, I don't want it to be too much for this candidate. I will decide through debate.
  - d. Gaudio: MTV.
- 4. Vote
  - a. 12-0-0.
    - i. Confirmed by E&A Committee.
- iv. Collin Hoffner for Associate Justice Seat #6
  - 1. Speech
    - a. Hi E&A, thank you all. I come to you all today as an appointee. I am from Columbus Ohio; I decided to get outside of my comfort zone. I joined SGLC, JLC, etc. I didn't have any expectations with these programs and looked for a way to get involved on campus. I then realized I had a passion for advocating for students and our communities. Through the JLC program, I was able to learn about all legislation and governing documents. Learning and seeing all the resources from the Judicial Branch and having a mentor made me fall in love with this Branch. Coming from the service industry and several service clubs, I want to collaborate with FYE- which I think

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is a fantastic opportunity. I think that the Judicial Branch can work with FYE and know that students are always home on campus. I would try to implement this ASAP when I am confirmed. I have a presentation listed to see an example. I also plan on working with other departments to make a brochure. I was inspired by the Lounging with the Lawyers event, and I would love to work with JOC to implement these events on satellite campuses. I have an initiative to implement transparency and understanding of the Judicial Branch, my example schedule and report is listed in the initiative. If I was given this opportunity, I would sit in IRC that updates our rules and procedures. I would love to sit in JOC and JAM because they would give me the biggest chance to implement my initiatives. If I were given this opportunity, I would implement these experiences into my future career. I yield the rest of my time.

## 2. Question

- a. Rickett: Tell us what Title 12 is?
  - i. Title 12 is student government transparency.
- b. Rickett: Can you tell me what Article 6 of the Constitution?
  - i. The amending process of the Constitution.
- c. Reed: How will you promote inner branch collaboration while being confidential?
  - i. Through outreach events, I think it's important to work with satellite campuses. Keeping everything confidential- like grade appeals and parking appeals more confidential while working with other branches.
- d. Rickett: MTD.

## 3. Debate

- a. Reed: Voting in favor. I really enjoy the partnership with FYE and getting more students involved in the SGLC program. I really enjoy this idea. Getting more reports on the branch and having students understand what the branch does. I will be voting in favor and hope you all do the same.
- b. Lipner: I really appreciate this candidate's thoughtful and impactful proposals and will be voting in favor as a result. I urge you all to do the same. With that, I move to vote.

## 4. Vote

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- a. 12-0-0
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11. Member Discussion

- a. None

12. Miscellaneous Business

- a. None

13. Final Roll Call: 12/13

14. Adjournment: 7:09 PM

Key:

P - Present

A - Absent

MTD - Move to Debate

MTV - Move to Vote

MTA- Move to Amend

PP - Postpone

PPI - Postpone Indefinitely

GC - General Consent

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