



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

**UCF Student Government**  
Elections & Appointments (E&A) Meeting  
Charge on Chamber  
07/02/2025

## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 3:03 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 8/11 (6)

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Senator Metellus	<a href="mailto:sgaecs8@ucf.edu">sgaecs8@ucf.edu</a>	P (3:04 PM)	P
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3. Approval of the Minutes: [06.25.25](#)
  - a. **Approved by GC.**

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4. Approval of the Agenda:
  - a. **Approved by GC.**
5. Announcements from the Chair
  - a. Escobar: Good afternoon, E&A. Today we do not have much business to attend to. The Election Commission had its first meeting today and elected Supervisor Presley as Supervisor of Elections and Commissioner Collazo-Borges as Assistant Supervisor. This meeting we will be discussing updates to Title VI and also Senate Apportionment. Also, as for absences please notify me of your absence to be excused as it is policy that more than two unexcused absences means being dismissal from committee.
    - i. Gaudio: Can you post minutes for EC on the agenda?
      1. Escobar: Yes, I can.
      2. [EC Meeting Agenda 07.02.2025](#)
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair
  - a. Chau: None.
7. Announcements from Committee Members
  - a. Gaudio: Hey guys, now that we have a functioning Election Commission, I'd like to bring up a topic that's a big focus in LJR and I think E&A should also consider, that being transparency and accountability. I believe that this committee should be keeping a close eye on the commission and ensuring they are conducting their business transparently and in accordance with Statutes, something which was neglected in the previous Session and election cycle. This will become especially prominent during the spring, and so I would like to bring to the attention of everyone here that if you see the Election Commission doing something you question or violating statutes, bring it up during Member Discussion or move to issue a notification of non-compliance in committee respectively. It is the duty of this committee to hold the Commission accountable, and we should not shy away from that under the guise of giving the commission autonomy.
    - i. Lipner: Did you see the email that I CC'd you towards the AG?
      1. Gaudio: Not yet, but I did encounter the AG and he made me aware of the email.
  - b. Kapinos: Just a reminder that the RSO forms are released, and everyone could take the time to fill it out before it closes Thursday. I want to continue communication for RSOs and Senators, I want to make sure Senators work on RSOs that they are passionate about. If you don't fill it out, you will receive randomized RSOs.
    - i. Escobar: Is the link in Senate?
      1. Kapinos: Yes and you should be able to find the link in teams as well!
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members
  - a. Collazo: Supervisor Commissioner Presley and I (Assistant Supervisor) have been elected; I also will have our materials attached to this agenda. To address our concerns around statutes,

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it will be addressed. I take statutes extremely seriously. As of right now, the Commission is laying down the foundation. We will divide the commission for responsibility soon. Supervisor and I will be meeting with other SG agents and branches to be ready and prepared for the election period in Spring. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

- i. [Collazo Borges Presentation.url](#)
    - ii. [Presley Supervisor Presentation.url](#)
  - b. Courts: Overall announcement in LJR, we have a lot of statutory duties. Any updates to Title 6, look and see how that works in tandem with the rest of statutes and Title 6. Make sure it's statutorily sound, and you also have leadership in this committee to ensure that it is done.
  - c. Gaudio: Senator Lipner, in the future, if you are forwarding the materials, please CC my Vice-Chair as well.
    - i. Lipner: Absolutely.
9. Old Business
- a. None.
10. New Business
- a. None.
11. Member Discussion
- a. Escobar: We talked about our Title 6 ideas and revisions around the Title. I want to give this time to anyone who wants to give additional thoughts.
  - b. Gaudio: I'm working on other statutory revisions myself. An idea that I have- 2<sup>nd</sup> bill I want to submit next week- I want to take one of the Titles and split it up into sections. We can have appendices similar to the Finance Code- but they are mostly sections and have distinct headers.
  - c. Lipner: Now that we are mostly through confirmations, I had a thought that I feel like we are putting a large number of Senators who don't have the referential information to understand what the appointees are doing- which makes them blindly accept these candidates. I feel like it was a weird situation personally (because in my first year I did that as well). It led me to the question of how we change our terms and whether we should have that after the confirmation of Senators.
    - i. Escobar: I see your point.
      1. Lipner: I was thinking about holding people on for Summer A, and there might be concerns around sign-overs. There are a lot of different options like having elections earlier and confirmations earlier. As someone who went through the interview process, there was a lot of stagnant time where we could see appointees, but we didn't do that.
    - ii. Gaudio: I did feel like there were people who were clicking yes because they didn't grasp what is needed. I have given some thought of proposing that instead of Senate elections being held in Spring and instead the Fall- have the new session in the

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Spring. But I'm not putting that idea forward because it's a jump. But having the confirmations and elections all clustered together is not working. There is a reason why we moved from taking off in April to taking off in Summer.

- d. Escobar: Were there any thoughts about reordering things in Title 6? I know we need to fix where it mentions run-off. Is there anything else specific that is better placed somewhere else?
  - i. Lipner: Do you remember if the run-off vote is specifically for President?
    - 1. Gaudio: Constitutionally, that President is voted in majority and Senators are chosen through plurality. Senator run-off doesn't matter unless they get the same amount of votes. Though we seen it last year, it is highly improbable. Additionally, run-off is the easier way.
      - a. Escobar: We should still clarify it because it was under the Supervisor's duty.
- e. Escobar: Any ideas about potential legislation? There are some parts of the last Supervisor's memorandum, like suggestive updates. It's in the team files under important documents. We could pass legislation that wasn't passed last session. There were some parts that passed.
- f. Lipner: I wanted to try to sneak the name change, but it didn't pass last year. It got vetoed by the Pro Temp's office; I plan on implementing the changes and resubmitting it.
  - i. Escobar: I know there was supposed to be a meeting between you, the Pro Temp, and Dr. Frame.
    - 1. Lipner: I have not had an update from the Pro Temp since that discussion.
      - a. Escobar: Yes, it was something that we worked and advocated for, so it would be nice to see the bill again. Could the committee look at it to see the updates implemented?
        - i. Lipner: MTIF.
        - ii. Lipner: I'm happy to share the document.
        - iii. Escobar: The Bill changes the Code of Ethics where it states no candidates can edit their name on the ballot- but we wanted to make it more inclusive in case they did not want to use their official name. Adding a provision where the official name can be changed with prior acknowledgement from the Supervisor.
        - iv. Lipner: I submitted the second Bill to the Pro Temp that was vetoed. I removed the portion where I added about the official name concern, however I removed it after the first rejection. This is why I'm confused about the secondary veto because I implemented the change by then.

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2. Escobar: The committee last session were for this bill and we want to see it this session. When that meeting does happen? We would love to hear about the outcome of that meeting.
  - a. Lipner: Would you be in favor of what is currently written? We can overturn the Pro Temp's vote with a 2/3rds vote.
  - b. Kapinos: According to this bill, how much could they change their name?
    - i. Escobar: If it was approved by the Supervisor of EC or the SG advisor, then they would decide based off of that- that decision can be overturned by EC.
    - ii. Gaudio: If you go to public contacts, the Senators already have certain names applied- but it's not their legal name according to the University.
    - iii. Lipner: I just want students to represent themselves, and we want to support their needs as individuals. We make sure that we have statutes that ban candidates from impersonating another candidate.
    - iv. Trejo-Hernandez: Can we outline the verification process?
      1. Lipner: I left it vague on purpose to be flexible. I put that it is upon request- this allows for more of a democratic vote.
3. Gaudio: If we are putting the ultimate say for the EC, why include the SG advisor? If you could have someone, say yes and then say no, we are overcomplicating the process?
  - a. Lipner: There are situations where people may feel uncomfortable outing themselves in a group level, so I wanted to ensure it as a 1-to-1, then if it's declined- it could be opened to the EC. That's why I said overturned- in case the SG advisor says no, then the EC could make another decision.
4. Kapinos: Is there a limitation to this?
  - a. Escobar: This is why they would go to the SG advisor who would be notified, then it would be approved on their application.
  - b. Kapinos: That's why I think the SG advisor would have to be a part of the process- having it as an official capacity handle it then handing it off to the students would be a good check and balance.
5. Kapinos: In terms of the EC overturning it, will EC leadership handle it?
  - a. Escobar: It would be a consensus from the Commission.
6. Lipner: Would removing 'official' for the name be needed?

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- a. Escobar: We can change it to legal.
    - b. Chau: Agreed.
    - c. Gaudio: We can just keep it official if we don't have any issues with it.
  - g. Escobar: For appendices we could have: Election Commission, candidate requirements, campaigns, violations...
  - h. Escobar: MTF.
  - i. Gaudio: I move to have this legislation draft written by Senator Lipner on behalf of the committee be submitted to the Office of the Pro Tempore for remanding.
    - i. Approved by GC.
12. Miscellaneous Business
- a. Chau: MTIF.
  - b. Icebreaker:
    - i. <https://crowdparty.app/rooms/LRuWv2X>
  - c. Escobar: MTF
  - d. Lipner: Motion to adjourn meeting, pending final roll call.
13. Final Roll Call: 10/11
14. Adjournment: 4:04 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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