



## EC VIOLATION HEARING

1. Call to Order: 9:35 AM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 5/4

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- a. Introduction of Violation Hearing:
  - a. We will be seeing two affidavits that have been filed against Lester Tellez and Andrew Ter Doest. Each affidavit will have its own period of statements, questioning, and deliberation.

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Please ensure that any questions or statements are regarding the affidavit that we will be in the process of reviewing.

- b. Assistant Supervisor Wright: On February 25<sup>th</sup>, Luke Brown submitted an affidavit regarding Instagram and Snapchat posts made by Lester Tellez and Andrew Ter Doest and t on various Instagram accounts: @tellezterdoest2025, @andrew\_terdoest. Along with post made in support of their campaign from accounts: @azulopezluna and @jonah\_b\_85 Today the Election Commission will be determining if this is a violation of the Election Statutes under Title VI, Chapter 606.4, Section D stating that “Active campaigning before the specifically designed time for Active Campaigning.” ([Tellez Ter Doest Affidavit #1](#))
- b. Statement of the Filer:
  - a. Hello everybody, today I am bringing the actions of Tellez-Ter Doest campaign to light. Active Campaigning until Title XI can be defined as 600.1B — Includes any display or distribution of tangible items or electronic media for a candidate/ticket for an elective office of the student body that promotes any campaign, advertisement in campus news and/or radio, email, phone/video calls, or any other media where the candidate is asking at mass for support from voters, including any attempt to solicit votes.. Though not instilling that they will be an official candidate in their posts, they made multiple posts detailing that they would be an official ticket. Ignorance of the statutes is present. They campaigned a month before the Declaration of Candidacy.
- c. Statement of the Accused:
  - a. Good morning EC. I am presidential candidate Tellez. We went through this before in the first affidavit. The max sentence should be no electronic campaigning until election days. Negligence is not a defense but should be considered to a lower tier. I fully complied since being reached out to by Luke Brown regarding the post from Jan 7. and took it down. First affidavit withdrawn Feb 18.
- d. Questioning of the Filer:
  - a. Phillips: Do you have the dates for one of the evidence posts?
    - i. Tellez: I do not have exact dates, but the screenshots were taken on December 14<sup>th</sup>. I am unsure of when evidence was posted.
- e. Questioning of the Accused:
  - a. Phillips: When were your first posts made about your campaign? Like Luke said, he took the screenshots in December, but it is never explicitly said when they were posted,
    - i. Tellez: November 12<sup>th</sup> was my initial announcement post. My other post was made on Christmas.
  - b. Nayak: Were you aware that the Election Statutes existed at the time period of your first post?
    - i. Tellez: I was aware that they existed, but not that electronic media counted as active campaigning.

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- f. Questioning of the Filers Witnesses and Evidence:
  - a. [Filer Evidence 1](#)
  - b. Witness Amanda Lazo: The only post I was made aware of was announcing the candidate's campaign. I saw this post shortly after the federal election around November 12. I took screenshots of the Instagram post and forwarded those to Supervisor Brown after observing the election statutes.
- g. Questioning of the Accused Candidate/Ticket's Witnesses and Evidence:
  - a. [Tellez Ter Doest Evidence](#)
  - b. None
- h. Final Questioning:
  - a. None
- i. Closing Statement of the Filer:
  - a. Thank you everybody for taking the time to listen to us today. I apologize for the technical difficulties as that was not precedent. I hope you take into account what Amanda Lazo said as she provided a LinkedIn account that I would've never seen and provided another firsthand account of the evidence submitted.
- j. Closing Statement of the Accused Candidate/Ticket:
  - a. Please remember there are 1000s of students to participate- most we've seen in decades. Voting will happen in 2 weeks. Banning me will handicap me from promoting my campaign. I've suspended all of my campaign funds and banning me would make me lose 1300 of my own money. I urge the Election Commission to consider the 13 days left until the election. This would limit me from carrying out my plans for UCF. I complied with all instructions- it should be lower than a tier 4 violation.
- k. Election Commission Deliberation:
  - a. Executive Session: 5-0-0, a violation did occur
  - b. Sanction: 5-0-0
    - i. Suspension of all electronic campaigning from March 1st at 12:01 AM until March 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM, for the ticket. Electronic Campaigning is inclusive of individuals or groups posting in support of the ticket. They must archive or delete any posts related to the campaign and delete all bio information and profile icon images on all platforms. All specific accounts, social networking apps, etc. for the campaign/ticket must be temporarily deactivated.
    - ii. Suspension of all physical campaigning from March 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:01am to March 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm. Physical campaigning includes, but is not limited to distributing tangible items, such as merchandise, flyers, etc., and attending events with the purpose of promoting your campaign.
    - iii. We greatly appreciate your swift compliance with Supervisor's Brown's request to take down your media. However, this sanction was decided upon as a means to

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ensure a fair election, across all Presidential campaigns. Your campaign had a 2-month advantage when compared to other candidates, so unfortunately it still constitutes a Tier IV violation. Under Tier IV violations, we want to note that disqualification is an option, but due to your cooperation, we decided that disqualification wasn't appropriate.

l. Introduction of Violation Hearing:

- a. Assistant Supervisor Wright: On February 25<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Brown submitted an affidavit regarding Lester Tellez and Andrew Ter Doest submitting their Week 1 Expense Statement after the set due date. On their Week 2 Submission, it showed that they spent \$1,495 in their first week of campaigning. Today the Election Commission will be determining if this is a violation of the Election Statutes under Title VI, Chapter 606.2, Section F stating that "Failing to turn in an individual campaign expense statement for campaign material to the Supervisor of Elections by 11:59 p.m. of each Sunday of the campaign for Presidential Candidates." ([Tellez Ter Doest Affidavit #2](#))

m. Statement of the Filer:

- a. Hello again, this violation was issued based on the candidate's failure to submit his week 1 expense and incorrect submission of the week 2 expense. On his week 2 expenses, he indicated that he spent \$1,495 and failed to submit this the first time. Expense sheets are due on Sunday 11:59pm every week. This is in violation of 606.2F, and I submitted this to ensure a fair election.

n. Statement of the Accused:

- a. Moving onto the second affidavit, I contest the charge being brought up wholeheartedly. The honesty of the situation is I swapped the expense sheet with the physical assistance sheet and was told by Luke for future reference to submit the correct ones, in which I did. Title VI, Chapter 606.2(f), it states that a Tier II violation occurs if a candidate fails to submit an individual campaign expense statement to the Supervisor of Elections by the specified deadline (11:59 p.m. of each Sunday of the campaign for Presidential candidates). However, it does not explicitly address penalties for submitting an incorrect expense sheet or specify that submitting the wrong one automatically constitutes a Tier II violation. The statute only directly addresses failure to submit, not the submission of an incorrect or mistaken document. So, unless there is another provision or guideline elsewhere in the statutes specifying consequences for submitting the wrong expense sheet, my understanding seems reasonable that submitting the wrong one is not automatically a violation under this specific rule.

o. Questioning of the Filer:

- a. None.

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- p. Questioning of the Accused:
  - a. Sackett: In your opening statement you mentioned that you just submitted the sheet late; however, Luke said that you failed to submit the sheet at all.
    - i. Tellez: I submitted it three days before the deadline – same goes for the physical assistance. I believe both should have been submitted on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Nayak: I see that you claim that you submitted the incorrect file, was that an honest mistake?
    - i. Tellez: Yes, that was an honest mistake.
  - c. Presley: You said you submitted it late? Is that what you said?
    - i. Tellez: That is not what I said. Regardless of the mistakes, both were submitted on time.
- q. Questioning of the Filers Witnesses and Evidence:
  - a. [Filer Evidence 2](#)
  - b. None
- r. Questioning of the Accused Candidate/Ticket's Witnesses and Evidence:
  - a. [Tellez Ter Doest Evidence](#)
  - b. None
- s. Final Questioning:
  - a. Nayak: When you said it was an honest mistake submitting the wrong file, how did that happen?
    - i. Tellez: I think what happened was I had my tabs lined up and probably got them swapped in my head. I think Luke commented a few days ago, correct me if im wrong, that he said for future reference to make sure to submit the correct one
    - ii. Brown: this was for the week one physical sheet.
- t. Closing Statement of the Filer:
  - a. As previously mentioned, the physical statement failed to be turned in correctly. Both submissions failed to detail ---. Even though the expense document was submitted, it was not completed correctly- this is up to the election commission to decide. Only bringing this up to spread awareness nothing else.
- u. Closing Statement of the Accused Candidate/Ticket:
  - a. I fully reject the charges brought about by affidavit 2.
- v. Election Commission Deliberation:
  - a. Executive Session: 5-0-0, a violation did occur
  - b. Sanction: 5-0-0
    - i. Given the previous sanction of Affidavit #1, there will not be any additional sanctions as a result of this violation.
- w. Final Roll Call: 5/4
- x. Adjournment: 10:46 AM

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Key:

P - Present  
A - Absent  
E - Excused  
MTD - Move to Debate  
MTV - Move to Vote  
MTA- Move to Amend  
MSQD – Motion for Speech, Questioning, & Debate Time  
PP - Postpone  
PPI - Postpone Indefinitely  
GC - General Consent

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