

Election Committee Meeting Minutes, April 8th, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER at 10:02AM

- II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT - We would like to recognize that while we gather at California State University East Bay located in Hayward, CA, we are gathered on the ethno-historic tribal territory of the intermarried Jalquin (hal-keen) / Yrgin (eer-gen) Chochenyo-Ohlone-speaking tribal group, who were the direct ancestors of some of the lineages enrolled in the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area, and who were missionized into Missions San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Jose.

It is important that we not only recognize the history of the land of the Jalquin/Yrgin on which we gather to learn and participate, but also recognize that the First People of this region – the Muwekma Ohlone People, are alive and thriving members of the Hayward and broader Bay Area communities today.

It is of great importance to acknowledge the significance of this Holše Warep (holsheh wah-rehp) ~ Beautiful Land to the indigenous Muwekma Ohlone People of this region. We ask everyone who attends or visits Cal State University East Bay in Hayward, to be respectful of the aboriginal lands of the Muwekma Ohlone People, and consistent with their principles of community and diversity strive to be good stewards on behalf of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, on whose land you are their guests.

III. [ROLL CALL](#)

Present: Ace Maharjan, Elia Varela, Destiny Estacel, Walter Perez, Heather Gardley, Srividya Peri, Saksham Jain, Erick Loreda, James Carroll, Destiny Jones

Absent:

IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda of Elections Committee meeting of **February 11th, 2026**, by **W. Perez**, seconded by **D. Estacel**, Motion **CARRIED**.

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- V. **ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Minutes of March 25th, 2026**
Motion to approve the minutes of the Elections Committee meeting Minutes of **March 25th, 2026**, by **S. Peri**, seconded by **W. Perez**, motion **CARRIED**.

- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT – Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the committee on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.**
No Public Comments

- VII. **UNFINISHED ITEMS:**
No Unfinished Items

- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Candidate Updates

The ASI Election Committee will be informed on updates for Candidates.

J. Carroll provided an update on the elections process, stating that the results were still tentative and would move into the runoff phase. Once the runoff results are finalized, the process would move toward certifying the elections, which requires official documentation. He explained that certification involves paperwork from the Elections Chair, as well as himself, using data from the Big Pulse system. These documents would then need to be signed by the current ASI President and the University President. J. Carroll added that communication had already been initiated with candidates who were tentatively selected, informing them of upcoming responsibilities and important dates. He also noted that eligibility checks would be conducted again prior to certification to ensure that all candidates remain eligible.

Additionally, eligibility will be reviewed again at the end of the spring term when final grades are released. He emphasized that there are multiple checkpoints throughout the process to ensure continued eligibility. He concluded by stating that candidates who were



not selected had also been notified and encouraged to remain engaged, as there may be future vacancies they could pursue. He then stated that this concluded the updates.3:27

B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Election Timeline

The ASI Election Committee will be informed on the election timeline.

E. Loredo responded by stating that the elections were largely completed, except for the runoff election between **Kamil Ahmed** and **Tejasri Vadlamudi** for the Senator of CBE position. He explained that the runoff would take place over April 13th and 14th. During this period, the candidates would have a two-day window to campaign. Only students from the College of Business would be eligible to vote in this runoff, and candidates were free to campaign leading up to the opening of ballots on Monday.6:18

C. INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Marketing & Events

The ASI Election Committee will be informed on the marketing and events.

D. Jones provided a brief marketing update, stating that the ASI Elections Instagram was currently focused on promoting the two candidates running for Senator of CBE. She noted that these posts would continue through the end of voting. She also mentioned that a newsletter had been sent out to students, staff, and faculty, which included updates on the runoff elections and tentative winners. Regarding events, she added that there were plans for a celebration event, which would be further discussed by the marketing and events team.

7:17

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Grievances & Ethics

The ASI Election Committee will be informed on grievances and ethics.

W. Perez reported that the committee had received **two grievances** prior to the week of spring break. He explained that he coordinated with **H. Gardley** to meet and review both cases.



The first grievance was filed by **Lou Leanne**, who alleged that a slate member took her phone or voting device and voted on her behalf. Walter stated that the committee conducted an investigation, including attempts to review campus camera footage. However, the specific camera needed was not functioning, which prevented verification of the claim. He noted that the alleged violations fell under **Article 6, C.3 and Article 7G**, but due to the lack of evidence and inability to identify the individual involved, the claim could not be substantiated. As a result, no formal action could be taken, although a handwritten letter could be considered based on **H. Gardley**'s recommendation.

W. Perez then opened the floor for questions and discussion.

D. Jones asked whether the investigation required the camera footage to proceed with action. It was clarified that without the footage, the situation became a **“he said, she said” scenario**, making it difficult to validate the claim.

J. Carroll added that the issue was not only the lack of footage, but also the absence of an **identifiable individual** involved in the alleged violation. He explained that even if footage had been available, identification may still have been uncertain. Without clear identification or supporting testimony, there was nothing actionable that could be pursued.

W. Perez then moved to the second grievance, which was filed by **Matthias Dempsey** on March 26, 2026. The complaint involved a **social media post** showing a campaign flyer that appeared to have been photographed inside the **CORE building**, where campaigning is not allowed.

H. Gardley clarified that the issue required distinguishing between **active campaigning** and simply **posting a photo of a flyer**. She explained that taking and posting a photo does not necessarily constitute campaigning, as there was no evidence that the individual was actively distributing materials or engaging with voters.

D. Jones asked whether posting a flyer in the CORE would be considered a violation. It was clarified that posting flyers in the CORE is not permitted unless placed on an **official**



university bulletin board, but in this case, the evidence only showed a person holding a flyer and posting a photo, not actively campaigning.

J. Carroll further explained that while it is possible the individual may have been campaigning, there was **no evidence to confirm that behavior**. Without direct observation, identification, or testimony, the situation could not be substantiated as a violation. He emphasized that the evidence only showed a photo being taken and posted, which alone is not actionable.

14:37

IX. SPECIAL REPORTS

X. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

J. Carroll took a moment to thank the committee members for their work and service as the term approached its conclusion. He encouraged members to reflect on their experiences and begin documenting feedback, observations, and suggestions for improving the process in future committees. He mentioned that a shared document would be created to collect these ideas. He noted that one potential improvement would be to start the committee earlier in the academic cycle to allow for better planning and coordination. He encouraged everyone to contribute ideas that could help strengthen the process for the next academic year.

16:08

XI. ADJOURNMENT at **10:20 PM**



Minutes reviewed and approved by:

Chair of Elections Committee:

Ace Maharjan

Minutes approved on:

04/15/2026

Date

