

Election Committee Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 10:12AM**
- 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 (hol-sheh 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, Srividya Peri, Destiny Escatel, Saksham Jain, James Carroll, Erick Loreda, Heather Gardley

Absent: Walter Perez, Destiny Jones

IV. ACTION ITEM – Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda of Election committee meeting on march 3rd, 2026 by **D. Escatel**,
Seconded by **S. Peri**.



V. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Minutes of February 25th, 2026

Motion to approve the agenda of Election committee meeting on march 3rd, 2026 by **D. Escatel**,
Seconded by **S. Jain**.

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.

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J. Carroll informed the committee that members had received an email earlier in the week regarding an update from the Elections Committee. He explained that one of the candidates had withdrawn from the election, which required the candidate list to be updated accordingly. He noted that the revised candidate list and related information had already been shared with members through email, and that everyone should have the updated information in their inbox.

He added that, moving forward, election-related outreach and promotion would begin to intensify in the coming week, particularly through marketing efforts. **J. Carroll** stated that additional details regarding those efforts would be provided by the marketing team, as they would be leading the promotional activities.

B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Election Timeline

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



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J. Carroll stated that the elections process was now moving into the marketing phase. He explained that the committee would be discussing those marketing efforts in the next agenda item. At this point, he noted that there were no additional updates or specific details regarding the election timeline, as the focus was primarily on preparing for the upcoming promotional activities.

C. INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Marketing & Events Candidate Form (March 17th and March 18th)

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

D. Escatel shared that Meet the Candidates Week would begin the following week. She explained that promotional posts would continue to be shared leading up to the event in order to build awareness and encourage student engagement. **D. Escatel** further stated that the Candidate Forum would take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17th and 18th, from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Agora Square. She also asked that Elections Committee members and volunteers arrive by 11:30 a.m. to assist with event preparations.

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S. Peri added that the Meet the Candidates promotional posts had already been prepared and that posting would begin the following day, Thursday, March 12th, on the ASI Elections Instagram account.

S. Jain then provided an update regarding the voter’s guide, explaining that he was currently working on it and expected it to be completed by the end of the week. He also mentioned that a QR code for the event was being created and that it would soon be uploaded to the shared drive for access and distribution.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Grievances & Ethics

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

J. Carroll stated that the committee had not received any official grievance, but they had been made aware of a situation involving a social media post by the College of Science. He explained that the College of Science had posted candidate information on its Instagram account, and once the issue was brought to their attention, the committee reached out to the deans, after which the posts were removed.



He explained that the initial post had been about **Ian Cohen**, followed by a subsequent post about **Josh Forseth**. Both posts were later taken down after the committee contacted the relevant offices. **J. Carroll** noted that the committee had also reached out to the candidates, and it did not appear that either of them had requested the posts.

7:34

He further explained that they were trying to understand why the College of Science had posted information about two candidates running for the College of Health. According to **J. Carroll**, the deans were following up with the student assistant who had made the posts in order to determine the circumstances behind the situation and whether there had been any ill intent. He concluded by reiterating that no formal grievance had been filed, and the committee had only addressed the issue after being informally notified about the posts.

IX. SPECIAL REPORTS

No Special Reports

X. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

No Roundtable Remarks

XI. ADJOURNMENT at 10:20AM

Minutes reviewed and approved by:

Chair of Elections Committee:

Ace Maharjan



[Ace Maharjan \(Apr 1, 2026 14:36:17 PDT\)](#)

Minutes approved on:

03/25/2026

Date

