

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

No: AV13-FY2025

FORWARDFSU, Petitioner

v.

RILEY PERANTONI, Respondent.

October 31, 2025

Argued and decided on 28 October 2025. Logan. Rubenstein and Faisal Lalani appeared on behalf of Petitioner, ForwardFSU. Doug McAlarney, Esq. appeared on behalf of Respondent, Riley Perantoni. Opinions delivered electronically on 30 October 2025.

Supervisor of Elections and Chair Sara Larancuent was in attendance. Commissioners in attendance included Serena Cochran, Angel Colon, Nathan Grodsky, and Ethan Schaefer.

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

This action was brought before this Commission by FORWARDFSU, an on-campus political party (“Petitioner”), represented by LOGAN RUBENSTEIN and FAISAL LALANI, against RILEY PERANTONI, a candidate for Student Senate (“Respondent”), represented by DOUG MCALARNEY, ESQ. Petitioner filed these complaints with the Supervisor of Elections (“Supervisor”)—who forwarded them to this Commission—alleging that Respondent violated Student Body Statute (“SBS”) §§ 710.6(f)(2).

JURISDICTION

The Elections Commission has the power to investigate and make findings of fact regarding alleged violations of the Elections Code pursuant to SBS §703.2(f) and §703.2(g). Chapter 700 of the SBS states, “Once the date of an election has been determined, according to 705.4 and 706.5, the election code used for that election cannot be changed. The Election Code will be enforced in a time period beginning three (3) weeks prior to an election and ending upon the certification of that election. This does not preclude the reporting of violations later enumerated in Chapter 711.”

RIGHT TO APPEAL

According to SBS §703.2(i), “Any decision made by the Elections Commission may be appealed by a party to the hearing to the Student Supreme Court no later than thirty-six (36) hours after said decision and all accompanying opinions have posted to the SGA website pursuant to Chapter §703.2(f)(1) of the Student Body Statutes. No appeals of decisions made by the Elections Commission shall be accepted after this thirty-six (36) hour period

OPINION

On October 28, 2025, upon appearing before the Elections Commission, LOGAN RUBENSTEIN, on behalf of Petitioner, FORWARDFSU, moved to dismiss Case Number AV13-FY2025. The Petitioner moved to dismiss the case before any substance of the case was presented to the Commission. Respondent, RILEY PERANTONI, did not object to the motion and prompted the Commission to decide how to proceed. At that time, the Elections Commission unanimously accepted the dismissal of the case. Therefore, on a 5-0 decision comprised of Vice Chair Still and Commissioners Cochran, Colon, Grodsky, and Schaefer, Case Number AV13-FY2025 is DISMISSED with prejudice.