

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

No: AV3-2026

Sara Larancuent, Petitioner v.
Christopher Tingle, Respondent.

March 14, 2026

Argued March 10, 2026 and Decided on March 10, 2026. For Petitioner Sara Larancuent. Christopher Tingle for the Respondent. Opinions delivered electronically on March 17, 2026.

Supervisor of Elections Sara Larancuent was in attendance. Mr. Christopher Tingle was absent. Commissioners in attendance included Angel Colon, Nathan Grodsky, Serena Cochran, Alannah Rowe, Miriam Astralaga, Ethan Schaefer, and Jake Still (not voting).

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

Petitioner, Sara Larancuent, Supervisor of Elections, raises a complaint that Respondent, Christopher Tingle, violated SBS §710.6.C.6(E)(3) by failing to submit a Campaign Contribution Statement, consistent with Section §701(p)(4)'s Contribution Statement requirement in lieu of a Final Expense statement and §709(2)(f)'s required submission for the Supervisor's approval.

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, "[o]nce the date of elections has been announced, any further amendments to the election code shall have specific restrictions. During the five (5) week election period, amendments to the election code shall require approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the Student Senate within the first and second weeks of the election period, and unanimous approval of the Student Senate within the third and fourth weeks of the election period. No amendments to the election code shall go into effect during the fifth and final week of the election period."

RIGHT TO APPEAL

According to SBS §703.2(i), "[a]ny decision made by the Elections Commission may be appealed by a concerned entity 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 Section §703(2)(f)(11) of the Student Body Statutes. No appeals of decisions made by the Elections Commission shall be accepted after this thirty-six (36) hour period."

ISSUE

The issue here is whether Christopher Tingle violated §710.6.C.6(E)(3) by failing to submit a completed Campaign Contribution Statement by the statutory deadline.

HOLDING

Mr. Tingle violated §710.6.C.6(E)(3) by failing to submit a contribution statement before the Monday, February 23, 12:00 PM deadline.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Mr. Tingle failed to submit a completed Campaign Contribution statement before Monday, February 23rd at 12 PM. Subsequently, Supervisor Larancuent sent Mr. Tingle a Notice of Incompletion on Wednesday, February 25 at 3:35 PM. Mr. Tingle submitted the complete statement on February 25 at 4:30 PM. This submission was past the deadline set by §701(p)(4).

OPINION

COMMISSIONER Schaefer delivers the opinion on behalf of the Commission, with whom VICE-CHAIR Still and COMMISSIONERS Grodsky, Colon, Cochran, Rowe, and Astralaga join.

ANALYSIS

According to Ms. Larancuent, Mr. Tingle's submission far exceeded the deadline set by §710.6.C.6(E)(3)'s deadline.

§710.6.C.6(E)(3) controls "Final Expense Statements." Per §701(p)(4), "Campaign Contribution Statements" can be submitted in lieu of the Final Expense Statement. These Campaign Contribution Statements must be submitted by the Monday deadline, which is an earlier deadline than the deadline for Final Expense Statements.

Thus, if a party elects to forgo a Final Expense Statement and instead chooses to submit a Campaign Contribution Statement, that Contribution Statement must follow §701(p)(4)'s Monday deadline. Mr. Tingle's submission did not meet these requirements since it was submitted after the Monday deadline.

However, Petitioner Larancuent did not cite any

Statute that makes this infraction a Schedule 3 violation, nor do we find any Schedule violation based on §701(p)(4)'s failure to submit a Campaign Contribution Statement by the deadline. Failure to Submit a Final Expense Statement is covered in 709(6)(c)(6)(A), but even that allows for a grace period to complete the statement, which Mr. Tingle did within that period.

CONCLUSION

Christopher Tingle violated §710.6.C.6(E)(3) and §701(p)(4) by failing to submit a complete Campaign Contribution Statement before the deadline set by the Student Body Statutes. However, the Commission finds no Schedule Violation allowed by the Statutes.