

**The University of Alabama**  
**Student Government Association**  
***Student Elections Board Ruling***

**ELECTION:** Spring 2023 SGA General Election

**HEARING DATE:** Monday, February 27, 2023

**COMPLAINANT:** Xzarria Peterson & Aaron Glidden

**ALLEGED:** Collier Dobbs, Presidential Candidate

**ELECTION CODE VIOLATION:** XI.F.9. The date, time, and location of a campaign stop that involves structures/tables or food must have prior approval from the UA Department of Facilities and Grounds and must conform to guidelines for campus demonstrations as listed in the Campus Grounds Use Policy. A campus Grounds Use Permit (GUP) may be required for a campaign stop. A campaign stop shall be defined as any public activity on the part of candidates that demonstrates involvement in the election process, disseminates the views and platforms of a particular candidate, and/or actively solicits votes or support from members of the student body. A campaign stop may feature the use of campaign material so long as it conforms to guidelines pertaining to the content and location of said materials as outlined elsewhere in the Elections Manual.

**ELECTIONS BOARD DECISION:** By a vote of 7-0, the Elections Board found the Richardson Campaign in violation of Election Code XI.F.9. The Grounds Use Permit (GUP) submitted on behalf of the Dobbs Campaign for 2/21/2022 did not indicate a request for permission to use sound equipment, despite photographic evidence showing speakers at the event. During the hearing, the Dobbs Campaign stated that speakers were used for the Campaign Stop on the Quad and took full responsibility for the oversight.

**PENALTY:** The Dobbs Campaign is awarded 1 point for a minimal campaign violation.

Q1.1.

## The University of Alabama Student Government Association

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Any member of The University of Alabama community shall have the right to file a complaint. Oral complaints will not be accepted, complaints **MUST** be filed in writing and will only be accepted via the following form.

Complaints **MUST** contain the following:

1. Name of the candidate and/or individual(s) who committed the alleged violation
2. Brief description of the alleged violation, including date and time of the incident and reference to the relevant provisions of the [Student Elections Board Manual](#)
3. Any applicable evidence
4. Printed name of the person filing the complaint
5. Signature of the person filing the complaint

No anonymous complaints will be reviewed. Further, complaints must be filed within 24 hours of the violation or within 24 hours of when the violation is known.

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Q1.2. Name of person filling complaint:

Aaron Glidden

Q1.3. Phone Number:

[REDACTED]

Q1.4. UA Crimson Email Address:

[REDACTED]

Q1.5. Date of Incident/Violation: (mm/dd/yyyy)

02/21/2023

Q1.6.

### ALLEGED

Person(s) committing the alleged violation and for whom, the complaint is being filed against.

Collier Dobbs

Q1.7.

### ELECTION CODE VIOLATIONS

List specific election codes that were allegedly violated. Refer to the [Elections Manual](#) for the relevant provisions of the code. *Example: XIX.C.9. Exceeding campaign spending limit*

XI F. 2, "The date, time, and location of a campaign stop that involves structures/tables or food must have prior approval from the UA Department of Facilities and Grounds and must conform to guidelines for campus demonstrations as listed in the Campus Grounds Use Policy. A campus Grounds Use Permit (GUP) may be required for a campaign stop. A campaign stop shall be defined as any public activity on the part of candidates that demonstrates involvement in the election process, disseminates the views and platforms of a particular candidate, and/or actively solicits votes or support from members of the student body. A campaign stop may feature the use of campaign material so long as it conforms to guidelines pertaining to the content and location of said materials as outlined elsewhere in the Elections Manual." 8. Use of public address systems and amplified sound, including electronic amplification, is only permitted pursuant to the terms of Section I (Use of Sound Amplification) below. -written approval is required from section one

Q1.8.

### DESCRIPTION/NARRATIVE

Please provide a brief description of the alleged violation, including date, time, and location of the incident; along with a list of individuals who were involved and/or may have knowledge of the alleged violation.

Collier Dobbs has speakers at a campaign event that were not pre-approved for campaigning. This is in clear violation of XI.F.2, see attached photo for people involved. This was around 3:00 PM today

Q2.1.

### APPLICABLE EVIDENCE

Attach additional information and/or files for consideration.



Q2.2.

## PRINTED NAME

Please type your full name to indicate that you understand that this complaint report is **NOT** confidential and may be shared publicly, per *ARTICLE VIII Section 1 (D)(1)(c)* of the [SGA Constitution](#), which states that "the Student Elections Board shall publish **all** alleged election and campaign violations, as well as their respective decisions, on the SGA website following their Student Elections Board hearing."

Aaron Glidden


Q2.3.

### ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE & POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Knowingly filing a frivolous or bad faith complaint may result in the individual or campaign filing the complaint being subject to sanctions and/or referral to the Office of Student Conduct (OSC) for review and adjudication.

By signing below, I confirm my understanding of the aforementioned Elections Board policy on filing complaints and certify that all information contained in this report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I acknowledge and understand that should this complaint result in a hearing, that both the alleged violation and the decision of the Student Elections Board shall be published on the [Election Violations](#) page of the SGA website within twenty-four hours after the violation has been ruled upon.

*A signature is required to submit this form. Please sign below using your mouse cursor (or finger, if you are using a tablet or other mobile device with touchscreen capabilities) to indicate your acceptance of the above stated terms.*




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XI. F. 9 Campaigning, Campaigning on Campus

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Xzarria Peterson

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Xzarria Peterson", is written over a horizontal line. A small "x" icon is visible on the left side of the line, and the word "clear" is written in red on the right side.

Q2.4. Captcha Verification

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**Subject:** Re: Elections Board Notice of Reported Campaign Violations  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 9:00:09 PM Central Standard Time  
**From:** Meghan Haran [REDACTED]  
**To:** sgaelections <sgaelections@ua.edu>, Collier Dobbs [REDACTED]  
**CC:** sgaelections <sgaelections@ua.edu>  
**Attachments:** 2-21 Quad Grounds Use Permit.pdf, GUP Approval Letter.pdf, GUP Approved Areas.JPG

Good evening,

I appreciate the Elections Board reaching out and doing your due diligence regarding these allegations.

Please find attached a copy of our grounds use permit, signed letter of approval from the Grounds Use Permit Coordinator Justin Miles, as well as a highlighted map of Collier Dobb's approved areas for grounds use on 2/21/2023.

I hope this clears up any confusion over today's campaign event location and time. Please also note that Collier spoke to the BSU at 4:10 today, so all attendees of this event, as well as Collier himself, left the quad before the 4pm deadline that is specified within our Grounds Use Permit.

Please feel free to follow up with any questions or concerns! Thank you.

Best regards,  
Meghan Haran

**Meghan Haran** | International Studies, Pre- Law

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**President** | Zeta Tau Alpha Nu Chapter

**Chief Administrative Officer** | Student Government Association

**Director of Public Relations** | UA End Overdose

[REDACTED] | [REDACTED]

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**From:** sgaelections <sgaelections@ua.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 7:42:24 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] sgaelections <sgaelections@ua.edu>  
**Subject:** Elections Board Notice of Reported Campaign Violations

Collier,

This email is to notify you that **three** Elections Violation Complaints were received against your campaign. Filed separately by [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and Xzarria Peterson, the submissions similarly allege a violation of [Election Code XI.F.9](#). *The date, time, and location of a campaign stop that involves structures/tables or food must have prior approval from the UA Department of Facilities*



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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- The complaint by Xzarria Peterson states that “Coiller Dobbs hosted his event today in the section of the quad that is not accessible with a Grounds Use Permit. The section is specifically in the area that stretches from the circle in front of the Gorgas Library steps all the way to Denny Chimes. According to the Grounds Use Permit map provided, this section is not allocated any numbered sections. **There was also a speaker playing music at this event.**”

This email, however, is NOT to notify you that you have received violation points by the Elections Board, but a request for your response to these allegations. **According to the Elections Manual, you have twelve (12) hours to reply to the alleged violations for review by the Elections Board.**

Should you have additional questions or if we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

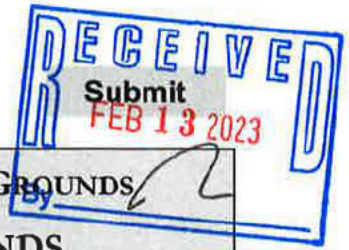
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THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA OFFICE OF FACILITIES AND GROUNDS
APPLICATION FOR USE OF CAMPUS GROUNDS

1. Name of Applicant: Cate Brownlee Phone No.: [redacted]
Local Address: [redacted] E-mail: [redacted]
City: Tuscaloosa State: AL Zip: 35401

. Kim
. Nick

2. Representing (Self/Name of UA Org. or Dept.): Self/Collier Dobbs' Campaign
Office/Position Held in Org./Dept.:
UNIVERSITY ACCOUNT NUMBER:

. Dickie
. Kaci

3. CAMPUS GROUNDS REQUESTED: Quad Sections 3D, 3E, 4D, 4E, 5D, 5E, 6D, 6E
(Attach a campus map if necessary. If event is on the Quad, please specify which section.)
\*At NO TIME will unauthorized vehicles be allowed on the Quad for any reason.
NUMBER OF PERSONS EXPECTED TO ATTEND: 30

. Keon
. Carol

4. DATE OF USE: 02/21/2023 TIME — From: 9AM To: 4PM
(Generally, The Office of Landscape and Grounds must have at least a 10 business days notice for the event to be processed.)

If this is a recurring event, please list the other dates and times:

DATE OF USE: TIME — From: To:
DATE OF USE: TIME — From: To:
DATE OF USE: TIME — From: To:

5. PURPOSE for which Use of Grounds is being requested? SGA Campaign Stop

6. Do you request permission to use SOUND EQUIPMENT? [ ] Yes [X] No
(if yes, please describe equipment)

7. Do you request permission to display, build, or erect any STRUCTURES? [ ] Yes [X] No
(if yes, please describe them in detail)

8. Will there be FOOD? [ ] Yes [X] No
(if yes, please describe what will be served)

Will the food be sold [ ] or [ ] given away during the event?

Will the food be home cooked or catered? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Will there be **ALCOHOL** at this event?  Yes  No

10. **HEALTH & SAFETY STANDARDS/LIABILITY:** I understand that this event must meet all health and safety requirements of the University, City and County of Tuscaloosa, and State of Alabama and agree to ensure conformity with all such requirements.

I further agree to take full responsibility to manage this event in such a way as to comply fully with UA's policy relating to the Use of University Space, Facilities & Grounds; the General Terms and Conditions; and all other relevant University policies and procedures.

I agree to remove all trash and other items associated with this event, and to return the grounds to pre-event condition. In the event that I fail to return the grounds to pre-event conditions, the University will assess the reasonable costs of labor (at a minimum of four (4) hours per person performing the labor), damages, clean-up and repairs. For University organizations and departments, such reasonable costs will be assessed to the University Account number provided above. For individual faculty and staff members, the University will provide me an invoice itemizing the amount I owe, and I agree to be personally responsible for the amounts set forth in the invoice. If I fail to pay the invoice within seven (7) days of the University issuing it to me, I authorize the amount of the invoice to be satisfied by payroll deduction (including a lump sum deduction) and by any other method allowed by law.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 02/10/2023

Applicant Printed Name: Cate Brownlee

11. Will **CHILDREN** (age 0-17) be participating in or attending your event?  Yes  No

If yes, will the children be supervised at all times during the event by a parent, guardian, or teacher?  
 Yes  No

Depending on the type of event proposed, there may be other forms or steps in addition to this one—and other offices to contact—before the event can be considered for approval. If you are a student organization, you will need to register your event with The SOURCE utilizing the Online Event Planning Form.

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Should you have questions, please refer to UA's Grounds Use Permit website.

Please return your completed Application and any required certifications to:

**Donna McCray — Director of UA Facilities Operations and Grounds Use Permits**  
Box 870294 • 1204 14<sup>th</sup> Street • Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487  
205-348-6777 • [groundspemits@fa.ua.edu](mailto:groundspemits@fa.ua.edu)

Office Use Only:

Approved: Paul W. [Signature] Date: 2-16-23 Confirmation Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED**

