


**IN A VIOLATION HEARING OF
THE JOINT ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

JOINT ELECTIONS COMMISSION : **CASE NO. : JEC-2025-VH-1**
: **DATE ISSUED: 3/21/2025**
: **V.**
: **Violations:**
ETHAN LYNNE : **Title II § 2.1.2 of the JEC Code (Violation of a restricted zone, 5 counts)**

Pursuant to § 70210(d) of the SGA Bylaws the Chief Investigator of the Joint Elections Commission (JEC) has the responsibility to investigate all allegations made in any officially filed complaint. The following is an indictment that has been issued following an investigation by the Chief Investigator and a probable cause hearing by the Joint Elections Commission. The Chief Investigator of the JEC can be contacted at jec@gwu.edu subject line ATTN: Chief Investigator with any questions.

INDICTMENT

On or about 19 March 2025 at 7:00pm,  a registered authorized agent of Ethan Lynne since 4 March 2025 at 9:22 am, was depicted in photographic and video evidence collecting signatures on the basement level of Phillips Hall, an academic building. This is in direct violation of the restricted zones as established by Title III § 1 of the JEC Code of Regulations. This action of soliciting signatures is in direct violation of Title II § 2.1 of the JEC Code of Regulations.

Title I of the JEC Code of Regulations

Section 3: Restricted Zones

Section 3.1: Establishment of Restricted Zones

3.1.1 The JEC hereby establishes Restricted Zones in and around certain locations on campus to prevent disruption of academic activities during the election process.

3.1.3 All candidates and authorized agents must follow the instructions of all GW faculty, staff, contractors, and GWPD officers when campaigning or petitioning in any university owned or managed space, including all university property on the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses regardless of its location within a Restricted Zone. Failure to comply with staff instructions will be treated as a violation of a restricted zone

3.1.4 The boundaries and specific locations of these Restricted Zones shall be as follows:

3.1.5 All Academic Buildings except as described in Section 70711 of the SGA bylaws

3.1.6 Gelman Library

3.1.7 Eckles Library.

- 3.1.8 All GW owned or operated residence halls.
- 3.1.9 All GW Dining facilities located within residence halls, including those within Thurston Hall, District House, and Shenkman Hall.

Title III of the JEC Code of Regulations

Section 1: Restricted Zones

Section 1.1: Establishment of Restricted Zones

- 1.1.1 The JEC hereby establishes Restricted Zones in and around certain locations on campus to prevent disruption of academic activities during the election process.
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- 1.1.4 The boundaries and specific locations of these Restricted Zones shall be as follows:
- 1.1.5 All Academic Buildings except as described in Section 70711 of the SGA bylaws






Title II of the JEC Code of Regulations

Section 2: Engaging in Prohibited Activities in Restricted Zones

Section 2.1: Prohibited Activities within Restricted Zones

- 2.1.1 The following activities shall be prohibited within the designated Restricted Zones established in Title I of this code at all times:
- 2.1.2 Petitioning: Collecting signatures whether physically or electronically for placement on the ballot.
- 2.1.3 Campaigning: Distribution of campaign materials, solicitation of votes, or any form of electioneering on behalf of any candidate
- 2.1.4 Use Amplified Sound: Broadcasting messages or announcements related to the election in ways that disrupt academic activities.
- 2.1.5 Gathering of Campaign Supporters: Loitering or congregating in ways that obstruct access to academic buildings or create distractions for students and GW staff.
- 2.1.6 Interrupting Classes or Lectures: Entering classrooms or academic spaces for the purpose of soliciting votes, handing out campaign materials, or delivering campaign speeches.

Each unique person solicited as depicted in the evidence submitted with the complaint is considered one violation and bears a penalty of one penalty point. The counts are as follows:

- Count 1:**  a registered authorized agent of Ethan Lynne, an individual seeking the office of SGA President, seeking the signature of and attempting to advance the candidacy of Ethan Lynne, an individual seeking the office of SGA President, in relation to an Unidentified Individual in a White Sweatshirt and Jeans on the basement level of Phillips Hall, an Academic Building, in violation of Title II § 2.1 of the JEC Code of Regulations entitled “Prohibited Activities within Restricted Zones”, a prohibited activity punishable by one penalty point.
- Count 2:**  a registered authorized agent of Ethan Lynne, an individual seeking the office of SGA President, seeking the signature of and attempting to advance the candidacy of Ethan Lynne, an individual seeking the office of SGA President, in relation to an Unidentified Individual in Dark Jeans and White Shoes on the basement level of Phillips Hall, an Academic Building, in violation of Title II § 2.1 of the JEC Code of Regulations entitled “Prohibited Activities within Restricted Zones”, a prohibited activity punishable by one penalty point.
- Count 3:**  a registered authorized agent of Ethan Lynne, an individual seeking the office of SGA President, seeking the signature of and attempting to advance the candidacy of Ethan Lynne, an individual seeking the office of SGA President, in relation to an Unidentified Individual in shorts and white shoes on the basement level of Phillips Hall, an Academic Building, in violation of Title II § 2.1 of the JEC Code of Regulations entitled “Prohibited Activities within Restricted Zones”, a prohibited activity punishable by one penalty point.
- Count 4:**  a registered authorized agent of Ethan Lynne, an individual seeking the office of SGA President, seeking the signature of and attempting to advance the candidacy of Ethan Lynne, an individual seeking the office of SGA President, in relation to an Unidentified Individual in White Shoes and Black socks on the basement level of Phillips Hall, an Academic Building, in violation of Title II § 2.1 of the JEC Code of Regulations entitled “Prohibited Activities within Restricted Zones”, a prohibited activity punishable by one penalty point.
- Count 5:** , a registered authorized agent of Ethan Lynne, an individual seeking the office of SGA President, seeking the signature of and attempting to advance the candidacy of Ethan Lynne, an individual seeking the office of SGA President, in relation to an Unidentified Individual in Gray Shoes and a White Jacket on the basement level of Phillips Hall, an Academic Building, in violation of Title II § 2.1 of the JEC Code of Regulations entitled “Prohibited Activities within Restricted Zones”, a prohibited activity punishable by one penalty point.

In total, the defendant is charged with **FIVE** counts of violating Title II § 2.1 of the JEC Code of Regulations, punishable by **ONE** penalty point per count for a total of **FIVE** penalty points.

The authority for the sanctions being sought by the Chief Investigator originate from Title 2 § 2.2 of the JEC Code of Regulations. Additionally the authority to assess these sanctions against Mr. Lyyne is established by Title 1 § 2.2 of the JEC Code of Regulations.

Title II of the JEC Code of Regulations

Section 2: Engaging in Prohibited Activities in Restricted Zones

Section 2.2: Penalties

2.2.1 If a candidate is found in violation, for each count that the candidate is found in violation, they shall receive, for a violation of:

2.2.2 one point to the candidate involved as provided for by section 70721 of the SGA bylaws, for each violation of a restricted zone.

Title I of the JEC Code of Regulations

Section 2: Authorized Agent Liability

Section 2.2: Responsibilities and Conduct of Authorized Agents

2.2.1 Authorized Agents are subject to all SGA election rules, including but not limited to restrictions on campaign activities, restricted zones, and the use of university resources.

2.2.2 The actions of Authorized Agents are considered to reflect directly on the candidate they represent. Any violations of election rules by an Authorized Agent will result in penalties being applied to the candidate.