

2025 General Election and Election of the Associate Vice-President Labour
CRO Decision in the matter of Mohamadali Tofigh
Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Summary of alleged or discerned breach

- The respondent was made aware of the date and time of the ACM, as well as the fact that it was mandatory, on the CAL nomination form and in GSA Bylaw and Policy. When the candidate dropped off their nomination form on Monday, February 10th at the GSA office, the CRO reminded them of this, and they briefly mentioned they could not attend. The CRO requested that they send an email with an explanation and informed them that a 5 demerit point penalty would apply if they did not attend, but no written communication was received, and they did not attend the meeting.

Parties to the complaint or breach

- Respondent: Mohamadali Tofigh

Summary of decision making process

- The CRO offered 3 options to members of ERC: 1) no penalty, 2) 5 demerit points, and 3) disqualification. In their responses, 2 ERC members recommended disqualification and 4 ERC members recommended 5 demerit points.

Applicable GSA Bylaw and Policy and interpretations, other applicable policies/laws

- I.POL.8.6 The campaign period will last at least seven (7) calendar days and will begin no earlier than the conclusion of the All-Candidates Meeting. The All-Candidates Meeting will be mandatory for all candidates and Forum will be mandatory for DEO candidates to attend. Any unexcused absence will lead to disqualification. The Forum will be moderated by the GSA Speaker, ERC Chair or a delegated member of the ERC, if the Speaker and ERC Chair are unavailable.
- I.POL.9.2 Failure by a candidate to attend the All-Candidates Meeting without adequate prior notification (defined as notice communicated electronically to the CRO at least one (1) hour in advance of the meeting) to the CRO is grounds for disqualification from the current election. If a candidate misses the All-Candidates Meeting due to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances, such as a last minute emergency, any consequences may be waived at the discretion of the CRO, following consultation with the GSA Election and Referenda Committee. There is no appeal of these decisions.
- [Nomination form](#): I understand that I must attend the All-Candidates Meeting and Forum, otherwise I will receive 5 demerits with a maximum of 10 demerits that results in disqualification. The demerit system will be detailed at the All-Candidates Meeting.

Decided upon penalties and/or remedial actions

- The respondent is assigned 5 demerit points.

Appeal process and time limit

- The appeal process is outlined in I.POL.11.6.