OFFICE OF THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

Carleton University Students' Association By-Elections 2026

2026 Presidential By-Election - Official List of Candidates

The individuals listed below are verified by the Chief Returning Officer to have met the requirements for candidacy, as set out in the Electoral Code, and are declared as official candidates for election to the respective position in the 2026 Presidential CUSA By-Election.

Candidates were declared as official upon verification by the CRO that they had:

1. Submitted a completed nomination form prior to the close of the nomination period;
2. Submitted at least the minimum number of nominations required for the position and had those nominations successfully verified as eligible voters;
3. Attended the all-candidates meeting, or approved alternative, to receive important election information and had the opportunity to review all relevant election policies and ask questions of the CRO; and
4. Signed the Candidate Code of Conduct.

Presidential Candidates

1. **Zach Chabot**

CUSA X elections

Summary of Nomination Outcomes

The following individuals submitted nomination forms as prospective candidates in the 2026 CUSA General Election, but were not verified by the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) as having met the eligibility requirements for candidacy as prescribed by the CUSA Electoral Code. Accordingly, their candidacies have been declared ineligible.

1. A prospective candidate who submitted a nomination package for the 2026 CUSA Presidential By-Election was not verified by the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) as having met the eligibility requirements for candidacy prescribed by the CUSA Electoral Code. Specifically, the candidate did not obtain the minimum requirement of 100 valid nominators. Accordingly, the candidacy was declared ineligible.

For clarity, the CRO's verification process relied exclusively on confirmations received from the Office of the Registrar and the Student Code of Conduct Office, as required under the Electoral Code. Only nominations and eligibility information validated through these offices were considered.

In accordance with the Electoral Code, the CRO does not have discretion to waive these requirements or re-open nominations to gather more nominations once the applicable deadlines have passed which is why candidates were encouraged to gather more than 100 and less than 200 nominations for Presidential position.

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