



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal
by David Horton for Mayor (CC-18-00046)
May 28, 2026

FACTS

The above-named petitioner had campaign finance reports due January 15, 2026, at 11:59:59 PM. Petitioner submitted the required report on January 17, 2026, at 10:04 PM. A \$100 civil penalty for failure to file a required report was issued by Radford City General Registrar on January 16, 2026.

Pursuant to § 24.2-953.6 of the Code of Virginia (the Code), petitioner submitted a *Petition to Appeal Campaign Finance Penalty* to the State Board of Elections (SBE) on March 14, 2026. Petitioner sought relief in the form of forgiveness of the assessed penalty. Petitioner's basis for appeal was that circumstances made filing the required report or requesting an extension by the deadline impractical. Petitioner stated that good cause existed to provide relief due to alleged technical difficulties while attempting to file the report.

DECISION

The SBE heard the appeal on May 28, 2026. Pursuant to § 24.2-953.6 of the Code, the SBE granted relief as requested by the petitioner for ability to demonstrate good cause.

RATIONALE

In finding that the petitioner demonstrated good cause, the SBE noted the petitioner's experienced technical difficulties. The SBE also noted that the petitioner has not had any recent late penalties in prior years.

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