



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal
by Friends of Andy Pittman (CC-22-00769)
June 30, 2026

FACTS

The above-named petitioner had a campaign finance report due January 15, 2026, at 11:59:59 PM. Petitioner submitted the required report on January 16, 2026, at 3:27 AM. A \$1,000 civil penalty for failure to file a required report was issued by ELECT 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 17, 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 impracticable. Petitioner stated that good cause existed to provide relief due to illness in the family.

DECISION

The SBE heard the appeal on June 30, 2026, continued from 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 that the petitioner had outside factors, such as the illness of a child, that may have impacted his ability to file reports timely.

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