COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal
by Friends of Clark Hedrick (CC-20-00309)
September 15, 2026

FACTS

The above-named petitioner had a report due July 27, 2026. Petitioner submitted the required report on July 29, 2026, at 5:35 PM. A $100 civil penalty for failure to file the required report was issued by Fairfax County General Registrar on July 29, 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 July 30, 2026. Petitioner sought relief in the form of forgiveness of the assessed penalty. Petitioner's basis for appeal was that there were circumstances that occurred that made filing the report by the deadline impracticable. Petitioner stated that good cause existed to provide relief due to lack of knowledge of the changed deadline in the reporting cycle.

DECISION

The SBE heard the appeal on September 15, 2026. Pursuant to § 24.2-953.6 of the Code, the SBE determined the petitioner demonstrated good cause to grant relief, not in the amount requested but in the form of a reduction of the total penalty amount from $100 to $50.

RATIONALE

In finding that the petitioner demonstrated good cause, the SBE noted the change in reporting schedule may have contributed to the missed filing.

John Maurice O'Bannon, III
John Maurice O'Bannon, III (Oct 1, 2026 11:32:23 EDT)

John O'Bannon
Chairman, State Board of Elections

Rosalyn R Dance (Oct 1, 2026 09:57:07 EDT)

Rosalyn R. Dance
Vice-Chairman, State Board of Elections

Georgia Alvis-Long
Georgia Alvis-Long (Sep 30, 2026 17:46:22 EDT)

Georgia Alvis-Long
Secretary, State Board of Elections

Christopher P Stolle
Christopher P Stolle (Oct 1, 2026 10:41:08 PDT)

Christopher P. Stolle
Member, State Board of Elections

Sally Hudson
Sally Hudson (Oct 7, 2026 10:56:58 EDT)

Sally Hudson
Member, State Board of Elections