



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal
by Friends of Donald Jacob Westbrook (CC-23-00977)
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 March 01, 2026, at 5:00 PM. A \$1,000 civil penalty for failure to file a required report was issued by New Kent County General Registrar on March 3, 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 April 30, 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 reports or requesting an extension by the deadline impracticable. Petitioner stated that good cause existed to provide relief due to difficulty filing 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 issues filing a final report, which required assistance to complete. The SBE also noted the petitioner's attempts to file a final report.

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Rosalyn R Dance (Jun 9, 2026 16:04:18 EDT)

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Georgia Alvis-Long (Jun 10, 2026 11:07:11 EDT)

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Sally Hudson (Jun 6, 2026 10:35:12 EDT)

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