



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal
by Jacobson for School Board (CC-26-00025)

June 30, 2026

FACTS

The above-named petitioner had a Statement of Organization due February 12, 2026. Petitioner submitted the Statement of Organization on May 28, 2026. A \$500 civil penalty for failure to file the required Statement of Organization was issued by Newport News City General Registrar on May 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 June 3, 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 issues closing a previously open committee before being able to open the required Statement of Organization.

DECISION

The SBE heard the appeal on June 30, 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 \$500 to \$100.

RATIONALE

In finding that the petitioner demonstrated good cause, the SBE noted the petitioner received communication from ELECT, regarding the required corrections that were needed to open the required Statement of Organization. The SBE also noted the petitioner made attempts to file a Statement of Organization, when they initially required.

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