



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal
by Loudoun 2040! (PAC-18-00504)
May 28, 2026

FACTS

The above-named petitioner had a campaign finance report due April 15, 2026, at 11:59:59 PM. Petitioner submitted the required report on April 16, 2026, at 9:44 AM. A \$100 civil penalty for failure to file a required report was issued by ELECT on April 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 April 28, 2026. Petitioner sought relief in the form of forgiveness of the assessed penalty. Petitioner's basis for appeal was that there was an administrative error in the assessment of the penalty. Petitioner stated that good cause existed to provide relief due to believing they already filed the required report.

DECISION

The SBE heard the appeal on May 28, 2026. Pursuant to § 24.2-953.6 of the Code, the SBE dismissed the appeal for failure to show good cause to justify relief.

RATIONALE

In finding that the petitioner failed to demonstrate good cause, the SBE noted that the filing receipt stated the date of the report that was submitted. The SBE also noted a prior unpaid penalty for a campaign finance report.

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