



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal  
by Next Gen Leadership (PAC-24-00058)  
June 30, 2026

**FACTS**

The above-named petitioner had a campaign finance report due June 1, 2026, at 11:59:59 PM. Petitioner submitted the required report on June 2, 2026, at 8:06 AM. A \$1,000 civil penalty for failure to file a required report was issued by ELECT on June 2, 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 2, 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 financial hardship and lack of intention to file the required report late.

**DECISION**

The SBE heard the appeal on June 30, 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 committee received notifications of a report being due prior to the deadline and the lack of committee login attempts during the filing period. The SBE also noted a prior unpaid penalty for a campaign finance report.

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Rosalyn R. Dance (Jul 16, 2026 13:45:59 EDT)

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Georgia Alvis-Long (Jul 8, 2026 14:45:22 EDT)

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Christopher P. Stolle (Jul 3, 2026 09:25:38 EDT)

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