



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal
by Virginians Advocating for Seniors PAC (PAC-25-00079)
May 28, 2026

FACTS

The above-named petitioner had a campaign finance (11) reports due from November 24, 2025 to January 9, 2026. Petitioner submitted the required reports on January 14, 2026 and January 21, 2026. A total of \$9,200 in civil penalties for failure to file the required reports were issued by ELECT on January 15, 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 March 19, 2026. Petitioner sought relief in the form of forgiveness of the \$9,200 penalties. Petitioner's basis for appeal was that circumstances made filing the required report or requesting an extension by the deadline impracticable. Petitioner stated that good cause existed to provide relief due to a lack of understanding of the Large Contribution Pre-Election Reporting Requirements.

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 the lack of understanding of the Large Contribution Pre-Election Reporting Requirements. The SBE also noted that the petitioner was emailed the reporting requirements when the committee's Statement of Organization was accepted on October 30, 2025.

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