



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal
by Friends of Katie Pomeroy (CC-25-00149)
December 1, 2025

FACTS

The above-named petitioner had a campaign finance report due on September 15, 2025, at 11:59:59 PM. Petitioner submitted the required report on September 16, 2025, at 8:47 AM. A \$1,000 civil penalty for failure to file the required reports was issued by Fredericksburg City General Registrar on October 2, 2025.

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 November 3, 2025. Petitioner sought relief in the form of reduction of the penalty (\$1,000) to \$100. 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 illness, traveling abroad, connectivity issues, and illness in family during the filing period.

DECISION

The SBE heard the appeal on December 1, 2025. 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 did not demonstrate good cause, the SBE noted a prior decision on an appeal with similar facts and relief justification provided. Further, the SBE noted the petitioner's lack of attendance at the hearing without providing notice of absence. Since the petitioner was not present to provide any additional testimony to supplement the appeal and there was nothing on review of the record that provided a clear basis to grant relief, the SBE stated that it could not find that the petitioner demonstrated good cause.

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