



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal
by Charles Queen Election Committee (CC-25-00680)
January 14, 2026

FACTS

The above-named petitioner had campaign finance (3) reports due on July 15, 2025, October 15, 2025, and October 27, 2025. Petitioner submitted the required reports on July 17, 2025, October 25, 2025, and November 25, 2025. A \$2,100 civil penalty for failure to file the required reports was issued by Page County General Registrar on October 29, 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 December 4, 2025. Petitioner sought relief in the form of "reduction of the penalty 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 experienced difficulty filing the required reports and lack of notice of penalties.

DECISION

The SBE heard the appeal on January 14, 2026. Pursuant to § 24.2-953.6 of the Code, the SBE grants relief as requested by the petitioner for ability to demonstrate good cause.

RATIONALE

In finding that the petitioner demonstrated good cause, the SBE noted the lack of communication between the general registrar's office and the petitioner regarding notice of penalties. The SBE also noted that the petitioner stated that he experienced difficulties filing the required reports.

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