



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal
by Go RED Virginia PAC (PAC-25-00030)
January 14, 2026

FACTS

The above-named petitioner had a campaign finance report due on October 24, 2025, at 11:59:59 PM. Petitioner submitted the required report on October 26, 2025, at 9:20 AM. A \$1,000 civil penalty for failure to file a required report was issued by ELECT on October 27, 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 6, 2025. Petitioner sought relief in the form of forgiveness of the assessed penalty. 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 issues depositing contributions to their depository account.

DECISION

The SBE heard the appeal on January 14, 2026, continued from 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 failed to demonstrate good cause, the SBE noted that the Large Contribution Reports are filed based on the date of acknowledgement of receipt.

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