



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal  
by Kendall Lee for School Board (CC-25-00929)  
January 14, 2026

**FACTS**

The above-named petitioner had campaign finance reports due from 2023 to 2025. Petitioner submitted a final report, for the December 17, 2023 report, on December 8, 2025. A \$10,100 civil penalty for failure to file the required reports was issued by Lunenburg County General Registrar on December 3, 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 7, 2025. Petitioner sought relief in the form of forgiveness of the assessed penalty. Petitioner's basis for appeal was that there was an administrative error in the assessment of the penalty. Petitioner stated that good cause existed to provide relief due to the initial lack of notice of penalties, and an alleged communication that reports are not required by the General Registrar's office.

**DECISION**

The SBE heard the appeal on January 14, 2026. Pursuant to § 24.2-953.6 of the Code, the SBE determined that the petitioner demonstrated good cause to justify relief as requested.

**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 was allegedly informed that they were not required to file campaign finance reports.

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