



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**DECISION ON APPEAL**

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal  
by Prince William Political Action Committee of Educators (PAC-12-00204)  
April 8, 2026

***FACTS***

The above-named petitioner had campaign finance reports due on September 15, 2025, October 15, 2025, and January 15, 2026, at 11:59:59 PM. Petitioner submitted the reports on March 18, 2026. \$2,100 in civil penalties for failure to file the required reports were issued by ELECT on September 16, 2025, October 16, 2025, and January 16, 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 February 13, 2026. Petitioner sought relief in the form of forgiveness of the assessed penalty. Petitioner's basis for appeal was that circumstances made filing the required reports or requesting an extension by the deadline impracticable. Petitioner stated that good cause existed to provide relief due to lack of user access to the committee's electronic filing system, due to a change in committee leadership.

***DECISION***

The SBE heard the appeal on April 8, 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 that the petitioner has prior late campaign finance report filings and unpaid assessed penalties on record.

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