



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal  
by VA Hospital & Healthcare Assoc. PAC (PAC-12-00152)  
January 14, 2026

**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 10:04 AM. A \$100 civil penalty for failure to file a required report was issued by ELECT on September 16, 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 September 19, 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 alleged clerical errors.

**DECISION**

The SBE heard the appeal on January 14, 2026, continued from November 17, 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 committee has had a previous late filing in 2025.

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