



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal  
by Beverly J Jones for CCSB (CC-25-00777)  
November 17, 2025

**FACTS**

The above-named petitioner had a campaign finance report due on July 15, 2025, at 11:59:59 PM. Petitioner submitted the required report on July 18, 2025, at 8:10 PM. A \$1,000 civil penalty for failure to file a required report was issued by Campbell County General Registrar on July 21, 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 August 15, 2025. Petitioner sought relief in the form of “forgiveness of the \$100 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 difficulty understanding reporting obligations, as a first-time candidate, and technical difficulties with receiving COMET communications for report reminders.

**DECISION**

The SBE heard the appeal on November 17, 2025. 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 that the petitioner is a first-time candidate without a prior history of filing late reports. The SBE also noted that the candidate has taken action to ensure on time future report filings.

John M. O'Bannon

John M. O'Bannon (Nov 27, 2025 09:24:02 EST)

John O'Bannon  
Chairman, State Board of Elections

Christopher P. Stolle

Christopher P. Stolle (Dec 5, 2025 11:11:46 EST)

Christopher P. Stolle  
Member, State Board of Elections

Rosalyn R. Dance

Rosalyn R Dance (Nov 30, 2025 13:11:39 EST)

Rosalyn R. Dance  
Vice-Chairman, State Board of Elections

J. Chapman Petersen

J. Chapman Petersen (Dec 5, 2025 14:15:09 EST)

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Member, State Board of Elections

Georgia Alvis-Long

Georgia Alvis-Long (Dec 3, 2025 17:14:08 EST)

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Secretary, State Board of Elections