



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal
by Friends of Christopher Adams (CC-23-02069)
November 17, 2025

FACTS

The above-named petitioner had a campaign finance report due on January 15, 2025, at 11:59:59 PM. Petitioner submitted the required report on January 16, 2025, at 11:50 AM. A \$1,000 civil penalty for failure to file a required report was issued by Amherst County General Registrar on July 9, 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 12, 2025. Petitioner sought relief in the form of “dismissing the ‘1000’ 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 a difficulty filing a final report.

DECISION

The SBE heard the appeal on November 17, 2025. Pursuant to § 24.2-953.6 of the Code, the SBE determined that the petitioner demonstrated good cause to justify granting relief as requested.

RATIONALE

In finding that the petitioner demonstrated good cause, the SBE noted that the petitioner experienced user-related difficulties in attempting to file a final report. The SBE noted that the petitioner fulfilled other requirements to close the campaign committee with a final report, such as closing the bank account.

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

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

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

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