



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal
by Friends of Phillip Scott (CC-21-00203)
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 16, 2025, at 12:58 PM. A \$1,000 civil penalty for failure to file a required report was issued by the Department of Elections on July 16, 2025, at 12:04 AM.

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 July 28, 2025. Petitioner sought relief in the form of a “[o]ne time extension of the 7/15/2025 deadline and forgiveness of 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 travel delays and technical difficulties on the day of the filing deadline that made filing impracticable.

DECISION

The SBE heard the appeal on 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 petitioner had a prior history of filing prior reports late. The SBE also noted that the petitioner had a two-week period to file the report but did not attempt to do so until the day of the deadline.

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

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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 6, 2025 11:11:46 EST)

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

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