



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal
by Marion Bowman for Treasurer (CC-25-00508)
December 1, 2025

FACTS

The above-named petitioner had a campaign finance report due on October 27, 2025, at 11:59:59 PM. Petitioner submitted the required report on October 28, 2025, at 10:48 AM. A \$100 civil penalty for failure to file a required report was issued by Fredericksburg City General Registrar on November 1, 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 November 11, 2025. Petitioner sought relief in the form of forgiveness of the assessed penalty. Petitioner's basis for appeal was that there was an administrative error in the assessment of the penalty. Petitioner stated that good cause existed to provide relief due to alleged technical difficulties whilst attempting to file the required report.

DECISION

The SBE heard the appeal on December 1, 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 a prior decision on a similar appeal where the petitioner was a first-time candidate, without a prior history of filing late reports, and made a good-faith effort to file the report prior to the deadline.

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