



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal
by Peanut City PAC (PAC-24-00019)
November 17, 2025

FACTS

The above-named petitioner had a campaign finance report due on October 15, 2025, at 11:59:59 PM. Petitioner submitted the required report on October 16, 2025, at 5:32 PM. A \$100 civil penalty for failure to file a required report was issued by ELECT on October 16, 2025, at 12:11 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 October 22, 2025. Petitioner sought relief in the form of “forgiveness of all 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 a mistake made by human error in entering the wrong due date in a personal calendar.

DECISION

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

RATIONALE

In finding that the petitioner demonstrated good cause, the SBE noted that, as a new political action committee, the petitioner does not have a prior history of filing late reports. The SBE also noted that the petitioner made an error by entering the wrong due date for the required report in a personal calendar.

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

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