



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal
by Paul Davis For All Virginians LLC (CC-20-00364)
April 8, 2026

FACTS

The above-named petitioner had campaign finance reports due December 4, 2025, at 11:59:59 PM. Petitioner submitted the required report on December 12, 2025, at 2:21 PM. A \$1,000 civil penalty for failure to file a required report was issued by ELECT on December 5, 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 February 3, 2026. Petitioner sought relief in the form of forgiveness of 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 illness of the candidate.

DECISION

The SBE heard the appeal on April 8, 2026. 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 has prior late campaign finance report filings and unpaid assessed penalties on record.

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Rosalyn R. Dance (Apr 28, 2026 09:15:55 EDT)

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Georgia Alvis-Long (Apr 19, 2026 17:11:35 EDT)

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Christopher P. Stolle (Apr 28, 2026 09:05:59 EDT)

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Sally Hudson (Apr 24, 2026 08:46:29 EDT)

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