



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
DECISION ON APPEAL

In the matter of the campaign finance penalty appeal  
by Sara for Supervisor (CC-17-00296)  
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 11, 2025, at 7:54 AM. A \$1,000 civil penalty for failure to file a required report was issued by Montgomery County General Registrar on December 10, 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 January 23, 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 documented, ongoing mental health issues.

**DECISION**

The SBE heard the appeal on April 8, 2026. Pursuant to § 24.2-953.6 of the Code, the SBE granted relief as requested by the petitioner for ability to demonstrate good cause.

**RATIONALE**

In finding that the petitioner demonstrated good cause, the SBE noted the medically documented mental health challenges, experienced by the petitioner.

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John M. O'Bannon (Apr 20, 2026 09:56:57 EDT)

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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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