

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Roger (Reinert) for Duluth Committee (#17160);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Senator Roger Reinert (hereinafter referred to as “the Candidate”) hereby agree as follows:

1. The Roger (Reinert) for Duluth Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Senator Roger Reinert. The 2011 nonelection year contribution limit from an individual to a state senate candidate was \$100, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(3). During 2011, the Committee reported accepting a facially excessive contribution from the Minn Power PAC, a political committee registered with the Board, in the amount of \$150. The contribution exceeded the applicable contribution limit by \$50. The amount of the excess contribution was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In a letter dated February 29, 2012, Senator Reinert, states, “This donation was received by a volunteer at a summer fundraising event. The donation was also deposited by a volunteer after the event pursuant to campaign finance guidelines. Unfortunately, the fact that the donation

exceeded the \$100 maximum allowable in an off-year donation was not noted by either volunteer.
... I instructed my Treasurer to send a \$50 refund to the donor.”

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of a contribution that exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on June 3, 2010.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted a facially excessive contribution from a political committee resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A. 27, subdivision 1(a) (3), in calendar year 2011. The parties recognize that the contribution was excessive on its face.

5. The Committee has returned \$50 to the political committee that made the excess contribution. A copy of the check used to return the excess amount must be forwarded to the Board within 30 days after the date this conciliation agreement is signed by the Board chair.

6. The Committee agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$100, two times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state. The assessment of a penalty of two times the amount of the violation recognizes that this matter involved a facially excessive contribution.

7. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$100 by check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota within 30 days after the date this agreement is signed by both parties. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$100, providing a copy of

the check used to return the excess contribution, and this conciliation agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

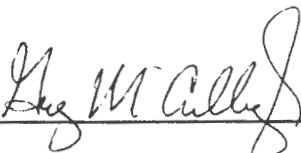
8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that failure to pay the civil penalty of \$100 or provide the copy of the check used to return the excess contribution within the time specified in paragraphs 5 and 7 above is a violation of the terms of this conciliation agreement and the Board may declare this agreement to be null and void and may take further action to resolve this matter.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair. Once signed, the agreement shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.02, subdivision 11, and section 10A.28, subdivision 3.


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Senator Roger Reinert

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By  _____ Dated: April 3, 2012

Greg McCullough, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board