

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Metsa (Jason) for House Committee (#17512);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Representative Jason Metsa (hereinafter referred to as the Candidate) hereby agree as follows:

1. The Metsa (Jason) for House Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Representative Jason Metsa. During 2012, the Committee accepted aggregate contributions from a party unit and terminating principal campaign committees in the amount of \$5,150. This amount exceeds the \$5,000 election year limit on contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees, set out in Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, by \$150. The \$150 excess was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. By email dated April 5, 2013, Representative Metsa stated that the Committee received a \$150 in-kind contribution from a party unit on May 29, 2012, and a check for \$5,000 from another party unit on October 25, 2012. Representative Metsa explained, "It was not until I was preparing my year-end report that I caught the mistake of accepting over \$5,000.00 dollars in party

contributions and sent a refund back to my local party unit to remedy the violation.”

Representative Metsa attached a copy of the refund check, which was dated January 29, 2013.

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions in excess of the applicable party unit and terminating principal campaign committee contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on May 23, 2012.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from political party units and terminating principal campaign committees resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, in calendar year 2012.

5. The Committee has returned \$150 to a party unit that contributed to the Committee in 2012. A copy of the check returning the excess amount was forwarded to the Board.

6. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$150, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit.

7. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$150 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 the payment of the civil penalty of \$150, the return of the excess contributions, 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 \$150 within the time specified in paragraph 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.



Representative Jason Metsa

Dated: 7/12/13

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 

Dated: May 7, 2013

Andrew M. Luger, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board