

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Friends of Matt Dean Committee (#15521);

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

1. The Friends of Matt Dean Committee ("the Committee") is the principal campaign committee of Matt Dean for District 52B. On the 2008 Report of Receipts and Expenditures, the Committee reported \$6,250 in contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$1,700, and political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$4,550.

2. A routine reconciliation audit found a discrepancy in the 2008 Report of Receipts and Expenditures of an undisclosed in-kind contribution of \$150 from a political committee. As a result, the Committee accepted \$6,400 in contributions from special sources. Laura Dean, treasurer, confirmed receipt of the contribution in an email dated July 29, 2009. In letter received August 28, 2009, Ms. Dean states "I must apologize for this unintended error...I have refunded the entire \$150.00...." The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$100 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for a state representative candidate was \$6,300. 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.

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable aggregate contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on December 17, 2001.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from special sources resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A. 27, subdivision 11, in calendar year 2008.

5. The Committee has returned \$150 to a special source contributor. Copies of the check(s) and the accompanying letter(s) returning 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 Board imposes a civil penalty of \$100, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

7. The Candidate 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 the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$100 and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

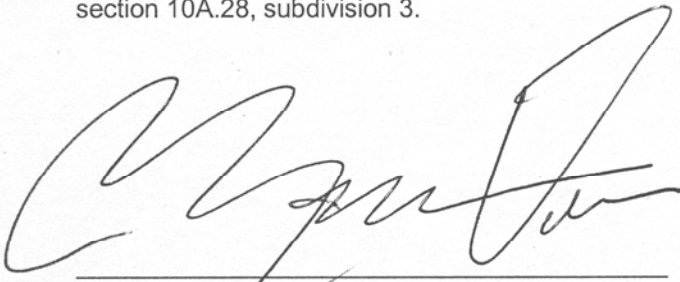
8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$100 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then the Candidate will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.28 and 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$200 which is two times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(b) \$300 which is three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(c) \$400 which is four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received more than 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

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 Matt Dean

Dated: 9/10/09

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By A. Hilda Bettermann

Dated: 9/21/09

A. Hilda Bettermann, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board