

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the (Carla) Nelson for Senate Committee (#17105);

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

1. The (Carla) Nelson for Senate Committee ("the Committee") is the principal campaign committee of Senator Carla Nelson. During election year 2010, the Committee made campaign expenditures of \$65,163.92, which exceeded the applicable \$64,500 election year expenditure limit, as set forth in Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.25, subdivision 2 (a)(4), by \$663.92.

2. In correspondence dated February 1, 2011, Senator Carla Nelson voluntarily notified the Board that the Committee had exceeded the 2010 election year spending limit. Senator Nelson states after reviewing her records "I came across several entries that were not categorized...I determined that these were campaign expenses...This was an inadvertent oversight and I apologize for not catching this. My campaign has always worked closely with the Campaign Finance Board through four campaigns and I feel terrible about this."

3. Board records show that this is the first violation of Minnesota Statutes, Section 10A.25, subdivision (2) by the Committee. The Committee registered with the Board on April 23, 2010.

4. The parties agree that the Committee made excessive campaign expenditures resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.25, subdivision 2 (4), in calendar year 2010.

5. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$663.92, which represents one times the amount by which the campaign expenditures exceeded the spending limit of 2010, to be paid to the Board for deposit into the general fund of the state.

6. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$663.92 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 \$663.92 and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

7. It is further understood and agreed, however, that failure to pay the civil penalty of \$663.92 within the time specified in paragraph 6 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.

8. 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.

Carla Nelson Dated: June 11, 2011
Senator Carla Nelson

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By John Scanlon Dated: May 31, 2011
John Scanlon, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board