## STATE OF MINNESOTA

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION

**AGREEMENT** 

In the matter of the (Tim) Mahoney for House Committee (#15823);

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

- 1. The (Tim) Mahoney for House Committee ("the Committee") is the principal campaign committee of Representative Tim Mahoney. During 2010, the Committee accepted \$8,050 in contributions from special sources. These sources include large givers from whom the Committee accepted \$1,000, registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$1,950, and political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$5,100. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$1,550 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for a state representative candidate was \$6,500. The \$1,550 in excess contributions was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
- 2. In correspondence dated July 30, 2011, Gerrie Boice, treasurer, acknowledged that the Committee was over the aggregate special source limit by \$1,550.

- 3. Board records show that this is the third calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable aggregate contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on July 10, 2002.
- 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 2010.
- 5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return to contributors described in paragraph 1 a sufficient amount to bring the Committee into compliance. A copy of the check(s) and the accompanying letter(s) returning the excess amount must be provided to the Board within 30 days after the date this agreement is signed by both parties.
- 6. The Candidate agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$4,650, three 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. The assessment of a penalty of three times the amount of the violation recognizes that this is the third calendar year in which the Committee has exceeded the limit on aggregate contributions from special sources.
- 7. The Candidate hereby agrees to pay the civil penalty of \$4,650 by making ten (10) monthly payments in the amount of four hundred sixty-five dollars (\$465) each to be received by the Board not later than the 15th of each month beginning on September 15, 2011 and continuing through June 15, 2012. Each payment must be made by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA and received in the Board offices by the due date. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil

penalty of \$4,650 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 \$4,650 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 Tim Mahoney

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

John Scanlon, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: August 16, 2011