## STATE OF MINNESOTA

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

## CONCILIATION

## AGREEMENT

In the matter of the (Charles) Wiger for Senate Volunteer Committee (#13350);

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

1. The (Charles) Wiger for Senate Volunteer Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Senator Charles Wiger. The 2011 nonelection year contribution limit from a political fund to a state senate candidate was \$100, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(3). During 2011, the Committee accepted two \$100 contributions from Faegre Baker Daniels State-Registered Political Fund for a total of \$200. The amount of the excess contributions was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. By letter dated February 16, 2012, Senator Wiger was notified of the potential violation. In response, Senator Wiger submitted a copy of a check returning \$100 to the Faegre Baker Daniels State-Registered Political Fund on February 23, 2012.

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3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on September 28, 1995.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted cumulatively-excessive contributions from a political fund resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A. 27, subdivision 1(a)(3), in calendar year 2011.

The Committee has returned \$100 to the political fund that made the excess contributions.
A copy of the check used to return the excess amount has been forwarded to the Board.

6. The Committee agrees to pay 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 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 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 within the time specified in paragraph 7 above is a violation of the terms of this conciliation

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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.

Dated: 4/3/12

Senator Charles Wiger

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: April 3, 2012 By

Greg McCullough, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board