STATE OF MINNESOTA

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION

AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Quam (Duane) for State House Committee (#17093);

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

- 1. The Quam (Duane) for State House Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Representative Duane Quam. During 2012, the Committee accepted \$7,200 in contributions from special sources. These sources include large givers from whom the Committee accepted \$2,000, registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$185, and political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$5,015. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$300 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for a state representative candidate was \$6,900. The \$300 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 received August 15, 2013, Representative Quam stated "...a data entry error was found and an amended report was filed. ... The correction in the report, July 26, 2013, was to add the missed \$300 contribution. ... I assure you that my new treasurer and I will do a better job with communication, data entry and review."

- 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 April 9, 2010.
- 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 2012.
- 5. The Committee has returned \$300 to a special source contributor described in paragraph 1 to bring the Committee into compliance. A copy of the check used to return the excess contributions was provided to the Board.
- 6. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$300, 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 \$300 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 \$300, return of the excess contributions, providing a copy of the check used to return 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 \$300 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.

Dated: September 20, 2013

Representative Duane Quam

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Deanna Wiener, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board