

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Randy Jessup Volunteer Committee (17764);

1. On September 19, 2014, a complaint was filed with the Board alleging that the Randy Jessup Volunteer Committee (the Committee) filed a campaign finance report that failed to include costs for printing campaign literature. On October 17, 2014, the Board Chair made a determination that the complaint stated a prima facie violation of Chapter 10A. On November 18, 2014, the Board made a determination that probable cause existed to believe that a violation had occurred and ordered an investigation of the matter in the form of a staff review.
2. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.20, subdivision 3(h) requires a candidate's committee to report the name and address of each individual or association to whom the committee has made aggregate expenditures in a calendar year in excess of \$200, as well as the amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure. An expenditure is required to be reported as of the date the obligation to pay for the expenditure was incurred.
3. The amended pre-primary-election report filed by the Committee on July 31, 2015, listed expenditures made for photography, the design of a campaign flyer, and postage. No costs were reported for the printing of campaign literature. However, the Committee's social media postings indicated that the Committee had been active in conducting campaign literature drops prior to the close of the reporting period.
4. In a December 18, 2014, meeting, the Committee's treasurer informed the Board that the Committee had incurred an obligation to pay for the costs of printing campaign literature prior to the close of the reporting period but had not received the invoices for the printing costs or paid for the printing costs prior to the close of the reporting period.
5. The parties agree that the Committee did not report the printing expenditures as of the date an obligation to pay for the expenditures was incurred, which was prior to the date that payment for the obligations was actually made, resulting in a violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.20, subd. 3(h).
6. To resolve this matter informally, the Committee has amended its campaign finance reports to properly list the dates on which the Committee incurred an obligation to pay for the campaign literature printing costs.
7. Upon acceptance of this agreement by the Candidate, this matter is dismissed.

/s/ Randy Jessup Dated: 3/20/2015
Randy Jessup
Randy Jessup Volunteer Committee

/s/ Gary Goldsmith Dated: 3/18/2015
Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of 3/17, 2015

/s/ George A. Beck
George A. Beck, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board