STATE OF MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

PRIMA FACIE DETERMINATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF RANDY EDINGER REGARDING THE RANDY JESSUP VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE:

The undersigned Chair of the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board has made a prima facie determination that the complaint submitted in the aforementioned matter is sufficient to allege a violation of Chapter 10A or of those sections of Chapter 211B under the Board's jurisdiction.

The complaint alleges that the respondent's actions included the following:

• The Randy Jessup Volunteer Committee failed to disclose payments made for printing campaign literature.

The Randy Jessup Volunteer Committee responded to the allegations in the complaint on September 30, 2014, stating that the invoice for printing the literature was dated July 31, 2014, received on August 6, 2014, and paid on August 8, 2014. The Committee indicated that it did not include the expenditure in its report covering the calendar year through July 21, 2014, because the bill was received after July 20, 2014. The Committee stated that the information would be included in the next report due in October. The Committee's response does not address whether the complaint states a violation of Chapter 10A or of those sections of Chapter 211B under the Board's jurisdiction, instead the response argues the merits of the allegations.

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.20, subdivision 3, requires that aggregate campaign expenditures in excess of \$200 made to an individual or association be itemized on a report of receipts and expenditures. The itemization must include the name and address of the provider of the goods or services. The complaint alleges a failure to comply with this requirement. Respondent's explanation of the reasons for the omission is not relevant to the determination of whether the complaint states a prima facie violation.

For the reasons stated above, the complaint alleges a prima facie violation of Chapter 10A or of those sections of Chapter 211B under the Board's jurisdiction.

<u>/s/ Deanna Wiener</u> Deanna Wiener, Chair Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board Dated: <u>10/17/2014</u>