

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

**CONCILIATION  
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of the Bev Scalze Volunteer Committee (Registration No. 15670);

1. The Bev Scalze Volunteer Committee (House District 54B) was the principal campaign committee of State Senator Bev Scalze (the candidate) during her time as a state representative. Senator Scalze first ran for the senate in 2012, at which time \$15,864 in the house committee was transferred to the newly formed senate committee. This amount exceeded the available balance in the house committee reported to the Board by \$6,248. To resolve the discrepancy the Board conducted an informal audit of the committee's bank records for 2008 through the close of the committee in 2012. Through this examination of bank records it was determined that the house committee exceeded the aggregate special source limit in 2009.
2. During 2009 the committee accepted \$1,500 in contributions from lobbyists, political committees and funds, and associations not registered with the Board, exceeding the \$1,300 aggregate special source limit for a state representative candidate during 2009 by \$200.
3. The parties agree that the Bev Scalze Volunteer Committee accepted excessive special source contributions in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, during 2009.
4. The candidate agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$200 against the candidate for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11. \$50 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties, and the remaining \$150 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2019. If the candidate violates the aggregate special source limit again before January 1, 2019, the stayed portion of the civil penalty is due immediately. If the candidate does not violate the aggregate special source limit again before January 1, 2019, the stayed portion of the civil penalty is waived.
5. The candidate agrees to amend the year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures for the Bev Scalze Volunteer Committee (House District 54B) for the years 2008 through 2009. The amendments must be submitted to the Board no later than February 15, 2016. The Board has determined that the discrepancy between the reported balance of the house committee and the actual amount available is attributable to duplicate reporting of some expenditures and omitting some contributions from the reports. While the accuracy of the filed reports is not consistent with the statutory standards for reporting, the Board concludes that the treasurer did not knowingly certify incomplete or inaccurate reports.

