

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

**CONCILIATION  
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of Kelly Morrison for Minnesota House (Registration No. 18252);

1. On August 2, 2018, the Kelly Morrison for Minnesota House committee self-reported that on March 14, 2018, it had accepted a \$300 contribution from Sarah Stoesz. Kelly Morrison for Minnesota House is the principal campaign committee of candidate Kelly Morrison for a seat in the state house of representatives. Sarah Stoesz is a lobbyist registered with the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. On March 14, 2018, the Minnesota legislature was in regular session. Consequently, the Morrison committee's acceptance of Ms. Stoesz's contribution violated the provision in Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), that prohibits state candidate committees from accepting contributions from lobbyists during a regular session of the legislature.
2. In the August 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Board, the committee treasurer stated that although Ms. Stoesz was a long-time friend of the candidate, neither the candidate nor the treasurer knew that Ms. Stoesz was registered as a lobbyist. In addition, Ms. Stoesz's contribution check did not indicate that she was a lobbyist or include Ms. Stoesz's lobbyist registration number as required by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5. The committee provided a copy of the contribution check to the Board to verify that the check did not include a registration number. The committee did not discover that Ms. Stoesz was a lobbyist until July 19, 2018, when the treasurer noticed that Ms. Stoesz's name was included on a Board list of lobbyists.
3. The Morrison committee returned \$300 to Ms. Stoesz on July 26, 2018. Because the contribution was not returned within 90 days, it was deemed to be accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
4. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the Morrison committee agrees that it will do the following:
  - a. Continue to file reports with the Board using the Campaign Finance Reporter software.
  - b. Ensure that the committee's treasurer reviews and enters contributions into the Campaign Finance Reporter software within 60 days of receipt and runs and reviews a batch compliance report after each data entry session. Running the batch compliance report will tell the treasurer when a lobbyist contributor may have been misclassified as an individual contributor. The treasurer then will have time to return any prohibited contributions before the end of the 90-day grace period.

5. The Morrison committee also must amend its pre-primary report of receipts and expenditures to show the receipt of the contribution from Ms. Stoesz on March 14, 2018. The committee then must report the return of the contribution on July 26, 2018, on its pre-general-election report.

6. If the committee does not comply with the provisions of this agreement, this matter may be reopened by the Board and the Board may take such actions as it deems appropriate.

/s/ Kelly Morrison Dated: September 12, 2018  
Kelly Morrison, Candidate  
Kelly Morrison for Minnesota House

/s/ Jeff Sigurdson Dated: September 12, 2018  
Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of September 12, 2018

/s/ Carolyn Flynn  
Carolyn Flynn, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board