STATE OF MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

PRIMA FACIE
DETERMINATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF PATRICIA HANSON REGARDING THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT CALANDRA REVERING FOR RAMSEY COUNTY JUDGE:

On November 2, 2018, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board received a complaint submitted by Patricia Hanson containing allegations against Calandra Revering, a candidate for district court judge, Second Judicial District, seat 28. The Committee to Elect Calandra Revering for Ramsey County Judge is the principal campaign committee of Ms. Revering. The complaint alleges that the Revering committee filed reports of receipts and expenditures late in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.20. The complaint also alleges violations of Minnesota Statutes section 211B.13 and Minnesota Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 4.1.

Determination

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.20, subdivision 2, requires the principal campaign committee of a candidate for district court judicial office to file reports of receipts and expenditures "15 days before a primary election and ten days before a general election" in a year in which the candidate's name will appear on the ballot. In 2018, those filing deadlines were July 30 and October 29, respectively. The deadline for the pre-general report was October 29, 2018, rather than October 27, 2018, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.025, subdivision 1, because October 27, 2018, was a Saturday.

The Revering committee's pre-general report was received by the Board on the due date of October 29, 2018. The Revering committee's pre-primary report was received by the Board on August 1, 2018, which was two days after the due date. While a violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.20, subdivision 2, thereby occurred, that violation has been remedied by the filing of the committee's pre-primary report on August 1, 2018. In addition, the Board already has imposed a late filing fee of \$100 upon the Revering committee for the pre-primary report pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.20, subdivision 12.

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, authorizes the Board to investigate alleged or potential violations of Minnesota Statutes chapter 10A as well as Minnesota Statutes sections 211B.04, 211B.12, and 211B.15. The Board does not have jurisdiction over Minnesota Statutes section 211B.13 or Minnesota Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 4.1.

Based on the above analysis, the chair concludes that the complaint does not state a prima facie violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.20 or any other statute or rule under the Board's jurisdiction. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, this prima facie determination is made by the Board chair and not by any vote of the entire Board. The complaint is dismissed without prejudice.