

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Local 59 Political Fund (30022);

1. The Minnesotans for Julie Blaha committee's 2020 year-end report of receipts and expenditures disclosed a \$1,000 contribution received on February 19, 2020, from the Local 59 Political Fund, which is a political fund registered with the Board. The Local 59 Political Fund has two supporting associations, the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers and the American Federation of Teachers. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1, prohibits a political fund from making a contribution to the principal campaign committee of a candidate for constitutional office during a regular session of the legislature and the legislature was in regular session on the date the contribution was made.
2. The Local 59 Political Fund's treasurer, Rebecca Miller, explained that the fact that the contribution was prohibited was discovered after the contribution check was sent, but before it was deposited, and a representative of the Blaha committee stated that the check would not be deposited. However, the contribution check was retained by the Blaha committee and inadvertently deposited in January 2021. Ms. Miller provided documentation showing that the fund deposited a payment from the Blaha committee refunding the \$1,000 contribution in June 2021. The contribution was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
3. The parties agree that the Local 59 Political Fund made a contribution to the principal campaign committee of a candidate for constitutional office during a regular session of the legislature in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1. This is the fund's first violation of the statute.
4. To avoid a similar violation in the future, the fund agrees that it will not make a contribution during a regular session of the legislature to the principal campaign committee of any candidate for the legislature or for constitutional office, including candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and state auditor, unless the candidate is a candidate in a special election as described by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 5.
5. Because the fund acted in good faith and attempted to prevent its contribution from being accepted by communicating with the Blaha committee prior to the contribution check being deposited, the Board declines to impose a civil penalty for the fund's violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1.

6. If the fund 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/ Rebecca Miller
Rebecca Miller, Treasurer
Local 59 Political Fund

Dated: October 11, 2021

/s/ Stephen Swanson
Stephen Swanson, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: September 1, 2021