STATE OF MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

PRIMA FACIE
DETERMINATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF CHANTAL OECHSLE REGARDING THE BERNIE (PERRYMAN) FOR HOUSE COMMITTEE

On September 14, 2022, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board received a complaint submitted by Chantal Oechsle regarding the Bernie (Perryman) for House committee. Bernie (Perryman) for House is the principal campaign committee of Bernadette Perryman, a candidate for Minnesota House of Representatives District 14A.

The complaint alleges that the Perryman committee ran radio advertisements without providing a transcript of the advertisements on the committee's website in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.38. The complaint alleges that the Perryman committee has been running radio advertisements since at least July 16, 2022, on 99.1 FM.

Determination

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.38 states that "[a] campaign advertisement must not be disseminated as an advertisement by radio unless the candidate has posted on the candidate's website a transcript of the spoken content of the advertisement or the candidate has filed with the board before the advertisement is disseminated a statement setting forth the reasons for not doing so." Per Minnesota Statutes section 10A.38, paragraph (a), this requirement applies only to candidates who have signed a public subsidy agreement with the Board. Board records show that Bernadette Perryman has not signed and filed a public subsidy agreement with the Board for the 2021-2022 election segment. The complaint therefore does not state a prima facie violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.38.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), this prima facie determination is made by a single Board member and not by any vote of the entire Board. Based on the above analysis, the Chair concludes that the complaint does not state a prima facie violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.38. The complaint is dismissed without prejudice.

Faris Rashid, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Date: 9/29/2022