

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Tim Walz for Governor committee (18135);

1. Tim Walz for Governor is the principal campaign committee of Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. The total amount of contributions that candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, running together, may accept from a single individual during the 2021-2022 election cycle segment is \$4,000. The committee's 2021 year-end and 2022 pre-primary reports of receipts and expenditures disclosed contributions from three individuals that exceeded the \$4,000 limit.
2. The committee received two contributions from Margaret Skold in 2021 totaling \$6,000. The committee provided documentation showing that the excess amount of \$2,000 was returned via a check dated November 18, 2021. The excess amount was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
3. The committee received four contributions from Stacey Mills Heins in 2021 totaling \$4,426.02. The committee provided documentation showing that the excess amount of \$426.02 was returned via a check dated January 28, 2022. The excess amount was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted.
4. The committee received three contributions in 2021 totaling \$550 and five contributions in 2022 totaling \$3,850, for a grand total of \$4,400, from Hyon Kim. The committee provided documentation in November 2022 showing that the excess amount of \$400 was returned electronically. The excess amount was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted.
5. The committee's treasurer, Shelli Hesselroth, stated that the committee initially did not discover the excess amount given by Ms. Skold because one of her contributions was made electronically using the name Peg Skold while the other contribution was made via a check in the name Margaret Skold. Ms. Hesselroth stated that the committee initially did not discover the excess amounts given by Ms. Mills Heins and Ms. Kim because there were duplicate records for those contributors within the committee's database. Ms. Hesselroth said that in each case, the excess amount was refunded immediately after the committee discovered that the contributions were made by the same individual.
6. The parties agree that the committee inadvertently accepted excessive contributions from three individuals in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1, during the 2021-2022 election cycle segment. This committee registered with the Board in March of 2017 and has no prior violations of the individual contribution limit.

7. To avoid similar violations in the future, the committee agrees to:
- a. Combine duplicate contributor records within its database to the extent that it becomes aware of duplicates; and
 - b. Seek to prevent creating new duplicate records.
8. The Walz committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$2,826.02, one times the amount of the violation, for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1. Of this amount, \$700 is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. The remaining \$2,126.02 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2025. If the committee violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1, before January 1, 2025, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the committee does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1, before January 1, 2025, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.
9. 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/ Tim J. Walz
Governor Tim Walz
Tim Walz for Governor

Dated: December 23, 2022

/s/ Faris Rashid
Faris Rashid, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: December 15, 2022