

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

**PRIMA FACIE
DETERMINATION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF DIANA FRIEMANN REGARDING THE NEIGHBORS FOR LIZ BOLDON COMMITTEE

On November 3, 2022, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board received a complaint submitted by Diana Friemann regarding Representative Liz Boldon, a candidate for Minnesota Senate District 25. Neighbors for Liz Boldon is the principal campaign committee of Representative Boldon.

The complaint alleges a violation of Minnesota Statutes section 211B.04, which regulates the use of disclaimers on campaign material. The complaint includes a photograph of an advertisement in the Rochester Post Bulletin for the Boldon campaign. The advertisement included the Boldon committee's Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook accounts and the Boldon committee's website address, but the disclaimer required in Minnesota Statutes section 211B.04 is not provided in the advertisement.

Determination

Minnesota Statutes section 211B.04 requires principal campaign committees to include on their campaign material a disclaimer substantially in the form provided in Minnesota Statutes section 211B.04, subdivision 1. The complaint alleges and provides evidence that the Boldon committee prepared or disseminated campaign material that lacked the required disclaimer. The chair therefore concludes that the complaint states a prima facie violation of Minnesota Statutes section 211B.04.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, this prima facie determination is made by a single Board member and not by any vote of the entire Board. This prima facie determination does not mean that the Board has commenced, or will commence, an investigation or has made any determination of a violation by any of the individuals or entities named in the complaint.

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, requires the Board, within 45 days of the date of this determination, to make findings and conclusions as to whether probable cause exists to believe that the violation of Minnesota Statutes section 211B.04 alleged in the complaint has occurred and warrants a formal investigation. The complainant and the respondent named in this prima facie determination will be given an opportunity to be heard by the Board prior to any decision on probable cause.

Until the Board makes a public finding or enters into a conciliation agreement, this matter is subject to the confidentiality requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 5.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Rashid', written over a horizontal line.

Faris Rashid, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Date: November 18, 2022