

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

**CONCILIATION AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Shane Mekeland for MN House Representative committee (18171);

1. Shane Mekeland for MN House Representative is the principal campaign committee of Representative Shane Mekeland, a candidate for House District 27A. The total amount of contributions that a candidate for state representative could accept from a single individual during the 2021-2022 election cycle was \$1,000. The committee received two contributions from Gary Frederickson during that period totaling \$1,500. The excess amount of \$500 was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. Representative Mekeland stated that the \$500 excess amount was the result of the contribution being recorded under the contributor's nick name. As a result, the excess amount was not initially attributed to Mr. Frederickson, or added to the aggregate total received from the donor. The committee stated it would send a check refunding \$500.
3. The parties agree that the committee inadvertently accepted excessive contributions in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1, during the 2021-2022 election cycle segment. The committee registered with the Board in 2017 and has no prior violations of the individual contribution limit.
4. To avoid a similar violation in the future, the committee agrees to:
  - a. Ensure that contributions are entered in the Campaign Finance Reporter software using the contributor's legal name; and
  - b. Enter contributions within the software within 60 days of receipt and promptly return excess contributions if a compliance warning indicates that it is necessary to do so.
5. The Mekeland committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$500, 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, \$125 is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. The remaining \$375 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.
6. The committee also agrees to provide to the Board, within 60 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties, a copy of the deposited check or other documentation showing that \$500 was refunded to Mr. Frederickson.

7. 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/ Shane Mekeland  
Representative Shane Mekeland  
Shane Mekeland for MN House Representative

Dated: February 9, 2023

/s/ George W. Soule  
George W. Soule, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: February 8, 2023