

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Chamberlain (Roger) for SD 36 committee (17021);

1. Chamberlain (Roger) for SD 36 is the principal campaign committee of former Senator Roger Chamberlain. The aggregate special source contribution limit, which includes contributions from lobbyists, political committees and funds, and associations not registered with the Board, was \$21,800 for state senate candidates during the 2021-2022 election cycle segment. The committee's 2021 year-end and 2022 year-end reports of receipts and expenditures disclosed a combined total of \$23,675 in special source contributions. The total amount of contributions that a candidate for state senator could accept from a single individual during the 2021-2022 election cycle was \$1,000. The committee received three contributions from a single individual during that period totaling \$2,000.
2. After the 2022 pre-primary report of receipts and expenditures revealed potential violations of the individual contribution limit, Board staff contacted the Chamberlain committee. While the committee was able to return some funds to other contributors, the excess contribution from an individual was not returned until December 2022, outside of the 90-day return period. The committee acknowledged the violation of the special source contribution limit and stated it would be unable to return any special source contributions within the 90-day return period. Accordingly, the total of \$2,875 in excess special source contributions and individual contributions were not returned within 90 days of deposit and are therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
3. The parties agree that the committee accepted \$1,875 in excessive contributions from special source contributors in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, and \$1,000 in excess contributions from an individual in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1, during the 2021-2022 election cycle segment. This is the committee's first violation of either the aggregate special source limit or the individual contribution limit.
4. To avoid a similar violation in the future, the committee agrees to ensure that the committee's installation of the Campaign Finance Reporter software contains all data entered into the software for both the odd-numbered and even-numbered year that comprise the current election cycle segment and to review all compliance reports prior to submission of required reports.
5. The Chamberlain committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$2,875, one times the amount of the violations, for accepting contributions in excess of the limits imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivisions 1 and 11. Of this amount, \$725 is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. The remaining \$2,150 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2025. If the committee violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivisions 1 or 11, before January 1, 2025, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the committee does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivisions 1 or 11, 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, copies of deposited checks or other documentation showing that \$1,875 was refunded to lobbyists, political committees or funds, or associations not registered with the Board that contributed to the Chamberlain committee during the 2021-2022 election cycle.

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/ Roger Chamberlain
Roger Chamberlain
Chamberlain (Roger) for SD 36

Dated: May 2, 2023

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

Dated: April 26, 2023