

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Frentz (Nick Andrew) for MN Senate committee (17919);

1. Frentz (Nick Andrew) for MN Senate is the principal campaign committee of Senator Nick Frentz. The aggregate special source contribution limit, which includes contributions from lobbyists, political committees and funds, and associations not registered with the Board, is \$7,300 for candidates for state senate during the 2023-2024 election cycle segment. The committee's 2023 year-end report of receipts and expenditures disclosed a combined total of \$11,150 in special source contributions. The \$3,850 in excess special source contributions was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. Senator Frentz explained that the committee did not successfully keep track of the donations from special sources. Senator Frentz also did not realize that the aggregate special source limit is much lower in the nonelection segment for a senate candidate until the middle of 2023, at which point his committee was able to return some special source contributions. Senator Frentz stated that he and his treasurer did not fully understand by how much the committee had exceeded the aggregate special source limit until January of 2024.
3. The parties agree that the committee inadvertently accepted excess contributions from special source contributors in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, during the 2023-2024 election cycle segment. The committee registered with the Board in 2016 and this is the committee's first violation of the aggregate special source limit.
4. To avoid a similar violation in the future, the committee agrees that it will continue to use the Board's Campaign Finance Reporter Online application, ensure that the committee's treasurer reviews the amount of each contribution and enters contributions within 60 days of receipt, run appropriate batch compliance reports, and review and correct all compliance warnings.
5. The committee agrees that it will not accept any contributions from special sources in 2024.
6. The committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$975 for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11. The amount of the civil penalty was determined in part by the fact that this was a first-time violation of the aggregate special source limit. The civil penalty of \$975 is approximately 25% of \$3,850, which was the amount by which the committee exceeded the aggregate special source limit.
7. The committee also agrees to provide to the Board, within 60 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties, copies of the deposited checks or other documentation showing that \$3,850 has been returned to special source contributors.

8. 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/ Nick Frentz

Senator Nick Frentz
Frentz (Nick Andrew) for MN Senate

Dated: June 10, 2024

/s/ David Asp

David Asp, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: April 10, 2024