



# MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

## Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

All information on this form is confidential until a decision is issued by the Board.  
A photocopy of the entire complaint, however, will be sent to the respondent.

### Information about complaint filer

Name of complaint filer	Mark Bray		
Address	2801 Hawk Ridge Road NW	Email address	markjbray@gmail.com
City, state, and zip	Prior Lake, MN 55372	Telephone (Daytime)	9729048206

### Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about	Kysylyczyn, John M		
Address	Reg num: 5813083 Victoria St		
City, state, zip	Roseville, MN 55113		
Title of respondent (If applicable)	Lobbyist		
Board/Department/Agency/District # (If legislator)	<a href="https://delaforestconsulting.weebly.com/about-john-kysylyczyn.html">https://delaforestconsulting.weebly.com/about-john-kysylyczyn.html</a>		

  
Signature of person filing complaint

6/26/2024

Date

Send completed form to:

Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board  
190 Centennial Office Building  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

If you have questions call 651-539-1189, 800-657-3889, or for TTY/TDD communication contact us via the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529. Board staff may be reached by email at [cf.board@state.mn.us](mailto:cf.board@state.mn.us).

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Give the statutory cite to the section of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, or Minnesota Rules you believe has been violated:

Minnesota Statutes Chapters 200, 201, 203B, 204C and 206.

You will find links to the complete text of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, and Minnesota Rules chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at [cfb.mn.gov](http://cfb.mn.gov).

### Nature of complaint

Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated the campaign finance and public disclosure laws. Attach extra sheet(s) of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, photographs, or other evidence needed to support your allegations. Electronic files may be provided to the Board by email or via a file transfer service.

John Kysylyczyn used Minnesota voter registration and voter lists to expose whether the person voted or not and then used them to state location that the person--me--lives in. He then urged people to block from a discussion on rights in a school board format discussion as he claimed that we were not real people and therefore not credible. He said there were three Mark Brays--Coon Rapids, Prior Lake and Rochesterr. He then said he didn't think that I wasn any of the three, and that I had not voted and therefore not credible. He is connected to MAGA as a Trump person and higher ranking Republican who is a lobbyist and purportedly helping the school board candidates and supporting their lack of contract renewal efforts as I argued against the actions and defended the process used by the Superintendent. He found it difficult to prevail, and then went to the smear tactic. He could easily give my address out to someone that could lead to violence. He did this to another person in the discussion room. This is not a campaign act as it is for a school board action with contracts for renewal. It is a human rights issue for the employees as they met all the performance metrics of the Superintendent and job reviews, and it is stated by some that of the 22 contracts, the three board members Krsylyczn is aligned with do not like the one person because of her religion. Regardless, it is inexplicable for their actions, and Kysylyczyn is from Roseville and runs his political consulting business. He is also a Republican Party official.

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 4525 describe the procedures required for investigating complaints. A full description of the complaint process is available on the Board's website. Briefly, the Board will notify you when it has received your complaint. The Board must send a copy of the complaint to the respondent. Complaints and investigations are confidential. Board members and staff cannot talk about an investigation except as required to carry out the investigation or to take action in the matter. After the Board issues a decision, the record of the investigation is public.

The law requires a complaint to go through two stages before the Board can begin an investigation: a prima facie determination and a probable cause decision. If the complaint does not pass one of the stages, it must be dismissed. The Board chair or their designee has 10 business days after receiving your complaint to determine whether the complaint alleges a prima facie violation. If the complaint alleges a prima facie violation, the Board has 45 days to decide whether probable cause exists to believe a violation that warrants a formal investigation has occurred. Both you and the respondent have the right to be heard on the issue of probable cause before the Board makes this decision. The Board will notify you if the complaint moves to the probable cause stage.

If the Board determines that probable cause does not exist, the Board will dismiss the complaint. If the Board determines that probable cause exists, the Board may start an investigation. In some cases the Board will issue findings, conclusions, and an order as its decision. In other cases the Board will instead enter into a conciliation agreement with the respondent. The Board's final decision will be posted on the Board's website.

## Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)

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**From:** Mark Bray <markjbray@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 26, 2024 4:12 PM  
**To:** CFBEmail  
**Subject:** Complaint on lobbying/party official over misuse of voter list  
**Attachments:** PDFJKComplaint Form.pdf; Screenshot 2024-06-26 at 3.01.43 PM.png

You don't often get email from markjbray@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

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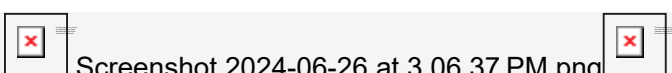
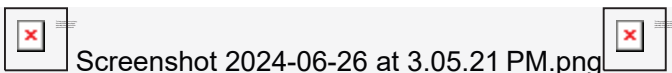
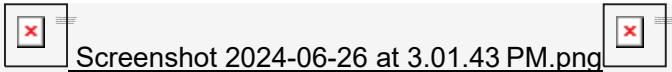
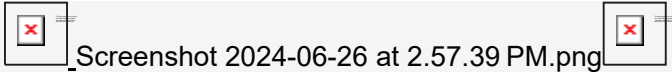
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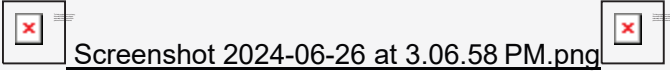
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Please let me know if there is anything I need to do more.

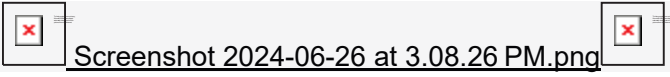
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Mark Bray, MA  
972.904.8206

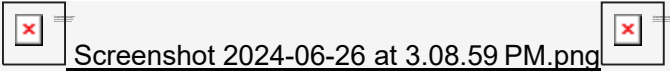




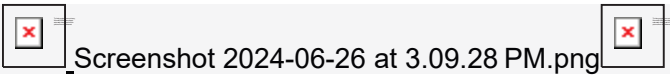
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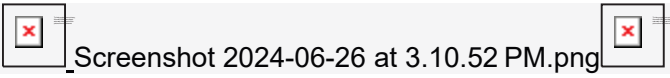
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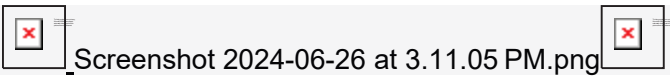
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## K Solutions LLC

John M. Kysylyczyn, owner

3083 Victoria Street  
Roseville, MN 55113

john@ksolutionsllc.com  
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### Providing comprehensive political & media consulting services...

including strategic planning, web & computer services, print media, mailings, videography, photography, and citizen group organization

### Some of our campaigns...

- United States Congress
- Minnesota State Senate
- Minnesota House of Representatives
- Minnesota 10th Judicial District
- Anoka County Board of Commissioners
- Ramsey County Board of Commissioners
- Washington County Board of Commissioners
- Andover City Council
- Anoka City Council
- Brooklyn Park City Council
- Coon Rapids City Council
- Roseville City Council
- Lino Lakes City Council
- Maplewood City Council
- Independent School District #16
- Independent School District #623

### Resume of John Kysylyczyn...

- Lobbyist, Minnesota State Capitol
- DeLaForest Consulting*
- Executive Director
- Garbage Haulers for Citizen Choice*
- State Central Committee
- Legislative District Convention Chair
- Republican Party of Minnesota*
- Past Researcher, *Anoka County Watchdog & The Minnesota Watchdog*
- Past Owner, *Anoka County Record LLC*
- Anoka County newspaper publisher

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With Gratitude,

Emily Larson

Jen Smith

Scott Wenshou



Mark Bray  
John Kysylyczyn you  
abused your family ?

22h Like Reply

The comment Zach Hanke is replying to has been deleted.

Zach Hanke  
John Kysylyczyn

Since you're  
concerned with who  
people really are, is  
this you, John?  
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My favorite part: "We  
also reject appellant's  
assertion that the lack  
of criminal prosecution  
... See more

1d Like Reply Edited

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Mark Bray  
John Kysylyczyn Again stop  
insulting dogs; dogs are way  
better than you....ok bro--got  
that--and grow up and be  
better.

1d Like Reply

Brejay Bovee  
Mark Bray what  
happened to our brazen  
buddy John  
Kysylyczyn??? All his  
comments have been  
deleted!?!?!?

20h Like Reply

Mark Bray  
Brejay Bovee He ran  
away when he couldn't  
face the music;

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this is an action that your favorite "Alpha News" would like. You are the worst as you take certain facts, add invention, and then conjectu... See more

1d Like Reply

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Mark Bray

John Kysylczyn Hold your horses cowboy-- credit should not be given to these three. They are clearly shrills for the far right who want to bring only their ideology into schools. And you like to use a lot of smoke screens to obfuscate issues. In t... See more

1d Like Reply Edited

Reply to Mark Bray...

Jerry Horgen

The administration manages staff and makes recommendations to the board. Emily, Jen and Scott, follow your MSBA training. You're in error in your judgment.

19h Like Reply

John Kysylczyn

Jerry Horgen The elected officials approve contracts if a majority choose to do so. Follow the law. Staff needs to stay in their own lane.

18h Like Reply

Reply to Jerry Horgen...

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John Kysylyczyn  
Katie Garrity Smieja Why would any elected official vote to approve a contract they don't support? It completely violates common sense. Guy shows up at your house in the spring looking for you to approve the contract for the years \$1000 lawn treatment plan. You think, oh, they are here, I better sign the contract and fork over the money, and then maybe later I can rethink for next year? Seriously?

21h Haha Reply

Katie Garrity Smieja  
If there was justifiable action to be taken, an effective board member would have done so by now. It doesn't matter what their opinions are on the individual employees. The good of the district should be the priority, so yes, it makes complete sense th... See more

21h Like Reply

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Katie Garrity Smieja Again, I don't think you understand employment contracts. If there is justifiable action to take, there are two choices. Option one is to spend thousands of dollars worth of time and

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When you say good of the district, you mean what you think is good. It appears that these three elected officials believe something else is good for the district. If you disagree, vote for someone different in the next election.

The good of the district in a representative democracy, is what the majority think. In this case a majority of 4 is needed to renew contracts, any contracts, and until 4 believe it is for the good of the district, then the contracts simply don't get renewed, regardless of what they are for.

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Let me get this straight. Three board members are on board with the superintendent's recommendation for contracts and continuing with practice THIS District has used for decades. Those board members and the superintendent have heard and considered personal concerns from other board members and determined that the personal concerns don't rise to level of terminating a contract. Now, three board members are still holding up the contracts. That change is going to result in interrupting services for our students and our community. Now some of these folks are claiming scheduling difficulties and their supporters are disparaging Meling suggesting some sort of nefarious scheduling coup. Tricia has always been a straight shooter in my dealings with her - even when we disagree. And while I don't know Matt personally, I have every reason to think he is looking out for the children without an agenda. Meanwhile, Ms. Smith and the other folks are backed by political organization and turning this issue into a PR push even doing interviews. This is insane and needs to stop. If the three objecting members were serious about changes, they would have a new plan for employee reviews to propose, not hold the district hostage.

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Mark Brav replied · 5 Replies

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**John Kysylyczyn**  
**Nate Dahl** This is the same argument people would use when defending police department abuses. "We have done this for decades." Hats off for elected officials getting out of that drone mentality and saying we are charting a new course.  
My recommendation is that the board simply call the vote on each and every single contract separately and then see where the votes fall. If the other three vote each one of them down, then so be it. Issue done, meeting adjourned. Wait for the new superintendent to start the job.  
I don't fault any elected official for granting interviews. Have you seen the quality of local journalism? Zero research on the part of newspapers anymore.

1d Haha Reply

**Nate Dahl**  
That's a complete non-sequitur. I'm all for new perspectives and approaches, but this process has worked for decades. If these folks were serious, they'd have a plan or proposal for changing the approach in future approvals - not holding the district h...  
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Nate Dahl I don't like my taxpayer dollars being spend on lawsuit payouts when people try to goad elected officials into discussing personnel issues at public meetings, which is what I am seeing is going on here. Constant attacks and name calling in order to drive big payouts for administrators. Shameful conduct.

21h Haha Reply

Mark Bray  
John Kysylyczyn running away

21h Like Reply

John Kysylyczyn  
Nate Dahl You seem to be pretty knowledgeable on contract history. How many decades has the administration been packaging together all the non-union highly compensated employee contracts into one vote?

15h Like Reply

Reply to Nate Dahl...

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Guy Sartell  
From Al Dahlgren. St. Cloud School Board Member.

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Zach Hanke  
John Kysylyczyn The Board works for us (the people who actually live in the area, unlike you and the rest of the right wing loonies who've come out of the woodwork). They see they have a little over 2 years to do as much damage as possible to the school before they peace out.

I see you're a campaign consultant. Would you have approved campaign materials indicating that these 3 school board members wanted to out gay kids to their parents, too?  
1d Love Reply 3

Charles Killmer  
John Kysylyczyn even if that is the case, now is not the time to change the established process. People's livelihoods hang in the balance and the well being of the students in this community will be affected. If they want to change the established proc... See more  
1d Like Reply 5

John Kysylyczyn  
Zach Hanke All local governments in Minnesota are representative democracies. That

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Facebook comment thread:

- John Kysylyczyn: I read the article in the Star Tribune and it didn't pass the smell test. Clearly a lot of missing information. I chose to look on line to find out what the rest of the story was. Then I saw all these crazy comments from people who want elected officials to discuss personnel issues at a public venue and draw the district in to an expensive lawsuit. Guess who funds public schools in Minnesota? I do, along with all the taxpayers of the State of Minnesota.
- Zach Hanke: John Kysylyczyn You don't fund them. The legislature does. The legislature doesn't work for you. You just explained it to me, remember?!?!?
- John Kysylyczyn: Zach Hanke Yes, through income and sales taxes, which we both pay.
- Zach Hanke: John Kysylyczyn



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John Kysylyczyn and you are certainly exercising your freedom to conceal who is paying you to defend these three board members.

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Mark Bray  
John Kysylyczyn We know school law is complex and many layered and their backgrounds do not speak to an iota of legal expertise--hence why boards hire superintendents. You on the other hand with your personal anecdote are a person desperate to employ... See more

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Mark Bray  
John Kysylyczyn On a pedestal? LOL. That's exactly what you are doing with your pedestal worship of these three board lackeys. Again, anecdotes without data are meaningless, and I hope your clients are not taken in by your cotton candy arguments wi... See more

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Zach Hanke If the chair calls a meeting, other members cannot "cancel" it. The meeting is called to order, if there is not a quorum, discussions can be held but no votes taken. If a majority chooses to adjourn the meeting the second the chair calls l... See more

1d Haha Reply 🤔 2

Zach Hanke  
John Kysylyczyn Got me good, John. Can the vote happen if they don't show? No? Correct.  
Most of us use human language when we speak, bud.

1d Like Reply 📌

John Kysylyczyn  
Zach Hanke Legal issues are being raised whether people realize it or not which is why I provide a legal answer.

1d Haha Reply 🤔

Zach Hanke  
John Kysylyczyn Cool. Are board members who collude to avoid attending a scheduled school board meeting where the 3 day notice was provided committing a potential act of nonfeasance if it was confirmed that the schedulina issues only

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**Mark Bray**  
**John Kysylyczyn**  
you like to deflect a lot and you are skewing the process. Sorry that you can't own what you do and you are. Your partisanship is showing

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