

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

**PRIMA FACIE
DETERMINATION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF CORY JOHNSON REGARDING THE PEOPLE FOR (GREGORY) DAVIDS COMMITTEE

On July 22, 2024, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board received three complaints submitted by Cory Johnson regarding Representative Gregory Davids, a candidate for Minnesota House of Representatives District 26B. The People for (Gregory) Davids Committee is the principal campaign committee of Representative Davids.

The complaints allege that the Davids committee sent three separate campaign mailers that state that Representative Davids is the Republican-endorsed candidate for House District 26B. All three complaints allege that Representative Davids is not the Republican-endorsed candidate for House District 26B. The complainant provided copies of three mailers sent by the Davids committee that each state "15-time Republican Endorsed!" The complaints allege that the mailers violated Minnesota Statutes section 211B.02, which regulates claims of endorsement and support. Because all three complaints allege that the Davids committee violated Minnesota Statutes section 211B.02 in the same manner, the Board chair will consider all three complaints in this prima facie determination.

Determination

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, authorizes the Board to investigate alleged or potential violations of Minnesota Statutes chapter 10A in addition to Minnesota Statutes sections 211B.04, 211B.12, and 211B.15. The Board does not have jurisdiction over Minnesota Statutes section 211B.02. Minnesota Statutes section 211B.02 is the only statute that was allegedly violated. Therefore, the chair concludes that the complaints do not state a prima facie violation of Chapter 10A or of those sections of Chapter 211B under the Board's jurisdiction. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, this prima facie determination is made by the Board chair and not by any vote of the entire Board. The complaints are dismissed without prejudice.



David Asp, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Date: August 5, 2024