

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Kari Dziedzic for State Senate committee (17310);

1. Kari Dziedzic for State Senate is the principal campaign committee of Senator Kari Dziedzic. The aggregate special source contribution limit, which includes contributions from lobbyists, political committees and funds, and associations not registered with the Board, was \$7,300 for candidates for state senate during the 2023-2024 election cycle segment. The committee's amended 2023 year-end report of receipts and expenditures disclosed a total of \$8,050 in special source contributions, which exceeded the limit by \$750.
2. Patricia Kelly, the committee's treasurer, explained that Board staff notified the committee in May 2024 that the reconciliation of contributions had identified two special source contributions totaling \$1,250 that the committee had failed to include within its 2023 year-end report. The committee promptly filed an amended 2023 year-end report that included those contributions. Ms. Kelly explained that due to miscommunication between herself and the candidate, she was not aware of a \$1,000 special source contribution until she was notified by Board staff in May 2024, which is what caused the violation. The committee returned \$1,000 to a political fund in June 2024, and provided evidence of that refund to the Board. The excess amount was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
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 2011 and this is its second violation of the aggregate special source limit. The committee previously exceeded the aggregate special source limit by \$150 during the 2017-2018 election cycle segment.
4. To avoid a similar violation in the future, the committee agrees that its treasurer will be informed of each contribution within ten days of the contribution being accepted by the committee, it will continue to use the Board's Campaign Finance Reporter Online application, and it will ensure that the committee's treasurer reviews the amount of each contribution and enters contributions within 60 days of receipt.
5. The committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$200 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 is the second time that the committee has accepted contributions over the limit set by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11.

6. 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/ Patricia Kelly
Patricia Kelly, Treasurer
Kari Dziedzic for State Senate Committee

Dated: September 9, 2024

/s/ David Asp
David Asp, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: September 4, 2024