

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the Matter of the Boilermakers 647 Political Action Fund (30594);

1. The Boilermakers 647 Political Action Fund is a political fund. Dale Lais HD 27A is the principal campaign committee of Dale Lais, a candidate for House District 27A. The maximum total amount a political fund may contribute to a candidate for state representative during the 2023-2024 election cycle is \$1,000. The fund made a \$2,000 contribution to the Lais committee in May 2024. The \$1,000 excess amount was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. The fund's treasurer, Scott Hollerud, stated that \$1,000 of the contribution was intended to help rent a billboard, and he did not understand that the \$1,000 contribution limit applies to the total of all contributions made to a particular candidate during a two-year period. Mr. Hollerud said that Mr. Lais contacted the fund about issuing a refund a few weeks after the contribution was made, but the \$1,000 excess amount was not refunded until September 2024. Mr. Hollerud provided documentation showing that the refund check was deposited.
3. The Boilermakers 647 Political Action Fund and the Board agree that the fund made a facially excessive contribution in violation of Minnesota Statutes sections 10A.27, subdivision 1. The fund registered with the Board in 2005 and has no prior violations of the individual contribution limit.
4. To avoid a similar violation in the future, the fund agrees that its treasurer will review applicable contribution limits, will review the amount of each contribution made and enter it within 60 days of being made within the Board's Campaign Finance Reporter Online application, and will immediately seek a refund of any amount in excess of the individual contribution limit if a compliance warning indicates that it is necessary to do so.
5. The Boilermakers 647 Political Action Fund agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$250 for making a contribution in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1. The amount of the civil penalty was determined in part by the fact that this was a first-time violation of the individual contribution limit.

6. If the fund 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/ Scott Hollerud
Scott Hollerud, Treasurer
Boilermakers 647 Political Action Fund

Dated: December 4, 2024

/s/ Faris Rashid
Faris Rashid, Vice Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: November 6, 2024