

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Neighbors for Zaynab Mohamed committee (18730);

1. Neighbors for Zaynab Mohamed is the principal campaign committee of Senator Zaynab Mohamed, who was a candidate for Senate District 63. 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 2023 and 2024 year-end reports of receipts and expenditures disclosed a total of \$8,075 in special source contributions, which exceeded the limit by \$775.
2. The committee's campaign manager, Benjamin Pettee, acknowledged the violation and explained that there was a misunderstanding regarding what counts toward the aggregate special source limit. Mr. Pettee said that the committee will refund the excess amount. 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 Mohamed committee and the Board agree that the committee inadvertently accepted excessive 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 2021 and has no prior violations of the aggregate special source limit.
4. To avoid a similar violation in the future, the committee agrees that its treasurer or the candidate will review the amount of each contribution and enter or import it within 60 days of receipt within the Board's Campaign Finance Reporter Online application, then review any applicable compliance warnings and return any amount that would cause a violation of a contribution limit.
5. The Mohamed 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. Payment is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. 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.

6. The Mohamed committee also agrees to provide to the Board, within 60 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties, copies of deposited refund checks or other documentation showing that at least \$775 has been refunded to special source contributors.

7. 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/ Zaynab Mohamed
Senator Zaynab Mohamed
Neighbors for Zaynab Mohamed

Dated: May 8, 2025

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

Dated: April 8, 2025