STATE OF MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the Matter of lobbyist Rolf Nordstrom (1903);

1. The Tim Walz for Governor committee, the principal campaign committee of Governor Tim Walz, accepted a \$50 contribution from lobbyist Rolf Nordstrom on April 30, 2024, during a regular session of the legislature. The contribution was not accompanied by Mr. Nordstrom's Board registration number as required by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1, prohibits a registered lobbyist from making a contribution to a candidate for constitutional office during a regular session of the legislature.

2. Mr. Nordstrom stated that he made the contribution through ActBlue and did not include his lobbyist registration number because he forgot he was a registered lobbyist. Out of an abundance of caution, he began registering as a lobbyist years ago and has continued this practice in case he needed to engage in lobbying. However, this has not occurred in many years, which is why his status as a lobbyist was not at the forefront of his mind when he donated to the Walz committee. The contribution was refunded by the Walz committee in March 2025.

3. The parties agree that Mr. Nordstrom contributed to a candidate during a regular session of the legislature in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1. Mr. Nordstrom has been a registered lobbyist since February 2007, and this is his first violation of the restrictions on contributions during the legislative session.

4. To avoid a similar violation in the future, Mr. Nordstrom agrees he will not make a contribution during a regular legislative session to any candidate for the legislature or for constitutional office, or to any legislative party unit. Mr. Nordstrom will ensure that any contribution made to a candidate is accompanied by his Board registration number as required by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5.

5. Mr. Nordstrom agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$50 for making a contribution prohibited by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1. The amount of the civil penalty was determined in part by the fact that this was a first-time violation.

6. If Mr. Nordstrom 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.

<u>/s/ Rolf Nordstrom</u> Rolf Nordstrom, Lobbyist Dated: <u>May 22, 2025</u>

<u>/s/ Faris Rashid</u> Faris Rashid, Chair Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board Dated: <u>May 14, 2025</u>