

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Campaign Committee of Elliott W Engen (18530);

1. The Campaign Committee of Elliott W Engen is the principal campaign committee of Representative Elliott Engen, who was a candidate for House District 36A. The aggregate political party unit and terminating principal campaign committee contribution limit was \$10,000 for a candidate for state representative during the 2023-2024 election cycle. The committee's amended 2023 and 2024 year-end reports of receipts and expenditures disclosed a total of \$13,000 in contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees, which exceeded the limit by \$3,000.
2. The aggregate special source contribution limit, which includes contributions from lobbyists, political committees and funds, and associations not registered with the Board, was \$16,100 for candidates for state representative during the 2023-2024 election cycle. The committee's amended 2023 and 2024 year-end reports disclosed a total of \$16,711.89 in special source contributions, which exceeded the limit by \$611.89.
3. The committee's attorney, R. Reid LeBeau II, stated that the committee's previous treasurer failed to maintain an up-to-date total of the committee's special source contributions. In 2025 the committee's current treasurer realized that the previous treasurer had not reported two contributions from party units totaling \$3,000 and four contributions from political committees and funds totaling \$1,325, that were received in September and October of 2024. The excess amounts were not returned within 90 days of deposit and are therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
4. The Engen committee and the Board agree that the committee inadvertently accepted excessive contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, during the 2023-2024 election cycle. The Engen 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 2020 and has no prior violations of the aggregate political party unit and terminating principal campaign committee limit or the aggregate special source limit.
5. 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.

6. The Engen committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$900 for accepting contributions in excess of the limits imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivisions 2 and 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 political party unit and terminating principal campaign committee limit and the aggregate special source limit.

7. The Engen committee also agrees to provide to the Board, within 60 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties, copies of deposited checks or other documentation showing that at least the excess amount of \$611.89 has been refunded to party units and that at least the excess amount of \$3,000 has been refunded to special source contributors.

8. 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/ Elliott Engen
Representative Elliott Engen
Campaign Committee of Elliott W Engen

Dated: August 13, 2025

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

Dated: July 14, 2025