

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

**Findings and Order In The Matter Of A Contribution Made By  
The William Haas Jr. Volunteer Committee  
To A Candidate Seeking County Office**

**Summary of the Facts**

The William Haas Jr. Volunteer Committee ("Committee") filed a Report of Receipts and Expenditures for calendar year 2006 with the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board ("Board") on January 31, 2007. The report disclosed that on December 6, 2006, the Committee made a \$250 contribution to the Richard Stanek for Sheriff Volunteer Committee, the committee of a candidate seeking election as a county sheriff. The report for the Richard Stanek for Sheriff Volunteer Committee published by Hennepin County Elections Division discloses a \$250 contribution from Bill Haas.

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9, clause (d), prohibits contributions from principal campaign committees to candidates for a political subdivision office.

By letter dated March 21, 2007, Board staff notified William Haas of the potential violation. Mr. Haas responded by letter dated April 2, 2007, in which he stated "When the contribution in question was made, I looked at the statute and thought the political subdivisions applied to the city campaigns. This was an error on my part. I would like to work toward a resolution to the error."

The matter was considered by the Board in executive sessions on May 8, 2007. The Board's decision was based upon the response from Mr. Haas and Board records.

**Based on the above Summary of Facts and the Relevant Statute, the Board makes the following:**

**Findings Concerning Probable Cause**

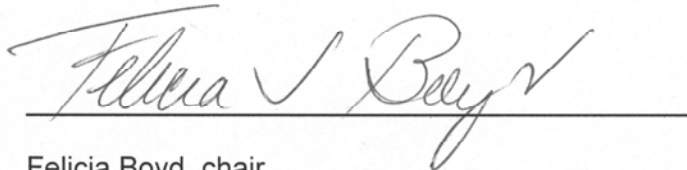
There is probable cause to believe that the William Haas Jr. Volunteer Committee contributed \$250 to the Richard Stanek for Sheriff Volunteer Committee on December 6, 2006, in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9, clause (d). There is no specified civil penalty for violating this statute.

**Based on the above Finding, the Board issues the following:**

**ORDER**

1. William Haas is ordered to recover the contribution from the Richard Stanek for Sheriff Volunteer Committee and deposit the funds into the account of the William Haas Jr. Volunteer Committee. Mr. Haas shall provide to the Board a copy of the check received from the Richard Stanek for Sheriff Volunteer Committee and confirmation of the deposit within thirty days from receipt of this order.
2. The record in this matter and all correspondence is hereby entered into the public record in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.02, subdivision 11, and upon receipt of the check and deposit confirmation required in paragraph 1, this matter is closed.

Dated: May 8, 2007

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Felicia J. Boyd", is written over a horizontal line.

Felicia Boyd, chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

### Relevant Statute

**Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9, clause (d)** ...A candidate or the treasurer of a candidate's principal campaign committee must not make a contribution from the principal campaign committee to a candidate for political subdivision office in any state.

The statute provides no civil penalty for violating this provision.