

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

**FINDINGS AND ORDER IN THE MATTER OF  
A CONTRIBUTION MADE BY LEE McGRATH**

**Summary of the Facts**

In response to an inquiry from the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (“the Board”), the People to Re-elect Senator Steve Murphy Committee (“the Committee”) confirmed that Lee McGrath made a contribution to the Committee without identifying the contribution as a lobbyist contribution. Mr. McGrath registered with the Board as a lobbyist on October 7, 2005.

Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 5, prohibits a registered lobbyist from making a contribution without providing the lobbyist’s name and registration number. A lobbyist that violates this section is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the Board of up to \$1,000.

By letter dated October 1, 2007, the Board notified Lee McGrath of the correspondence received from the Committee and the statutory provision that appeared to be violated. Mr. McGrath responded by letter dated October 8, 2007. He states “Based on our conversations and correspondence, the Board’s findings, and my commitment to follow the statutes, I now place my registration number on all my contributions.”

This matter was considered by the Board in executive session on October 9, 2007. The Findings are based on the correspondence from Senator Steve Murphy, Mr. McGrath, and Board records.

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

**Findings Concerning Probable Cause**

There is evidence that Lee McGrath failed to indicate his lobbyist registration number on a contribution to a candidate. The Board finds that there is probable cause to believe that Mr. McGrath inadvertently violated Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 5.

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

**Order**

1. For failure to provide a lobbyist registration number on or with the contribution the Board orders Lee McGrath to pay a civil penalty of \$125, which is one times the amount of the contribution. This civil penalty must be paid within 30 days.
2. If Lee McGrath does not comply with the provisions of this order, the Board's Executive Director shall refer this matter to the Ramsey County Attorney for civil enforcement pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.273.
3. The Board investigation of this matter is entered into the public record in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.02, subdivision 11, and upon payment by Lee McGrath of the civil penalties imposed herein, the matter is concluded.

Dated: October 9, 2007

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Felicia J. Boyd", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and includes a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

Felicia J. Boyd, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

### **Relevant Statutes**

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5. **Registration number on checks.** A contribution made to a candidate by a lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or party unit must show the name of the lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or party unit and the number under which it is registered with the board.