

Minnesota

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

1:30 PM

Room 2000 (Skjegstad Conference Room)
Stassen Building

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes

A. April 8, 2025

2. Chair's report

A. Meeting schedule

B. Vice Chair election

3. Executive director's report

4. Enforcement report

5. Order on IFP motion regarding Court of Appeals case no. A25-0632

6. Prima facie determinations

A. Complaint of Senator Drazkowski regarding Senator Mitchell

B. Complaint of Richard Carlbom regarding Heintzeman (Keri) for Senate

7. Other business

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Immediately following regular session

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

.....
**Tuesday, April 8, 2025
9:30 A.M.**

**Room 2000 (Skjegstad Conference Room)
Stassen Building**

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REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rashid.

Members present: Asp, Flynn (remote), Rashid, Soule, Swanson

Others present: Sigurdson, Engelhardt, Johnson, Olson, staff; Nathan Hartshorn, counsel

MINUTES (February 13, 2025)

The following motion was made:

Member Asp's motion: To approve the February 13, 2025, minutes as drafted.

Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Rashid discussed the election of a Vice Chair and changing the date of the May meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sigurdson presented a memorandum that is attached to these minutes. He provided an update on Lobbyist Principal Reports, Board Appointments, and Legislative Actions. Member Soule expressed concerns about the Board incurring costs related to the Chamber of Commerce lawsuit and questioned whether the legislature would cover any of those expenses. Mr. Sigurdson provided that legislation in the Senate would cover \$500,000 of the approximate \$760,000 in costs related to the lawsuit, and that legislation in the House would cover the full cost of the lawsuit.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

A. Consent Items

1. Administrative termination of lobbyist Steven Pettersen (4831)

Mr. Pettersen, who lobbied on behalf of the MN Mechanical Contractors Assn (1255), passed away in December 2024. His lobbying activity was reported by the principal's designated lobbyist, so there are no outstanding reports. The principal is requesting termination of Mr. Petterson's lobbyist registration.

2. Administrative termination of public official Lee Thor (Minnesota State Retirement System)

Executive Director Erin Leonard states that in March 2024, Lee Thor was elected by members to serve on the Minnesota State Retirement System's Board of Directors (MSRS Board). His election was confirmed at the May 2024 MSRS Board meeting, which he was unable to attend. Since that meeting, there has been no communication with Mr. Thor, and he has neither attended any subsequent MSRS Board meetings nor participated in any votes. It was later reported that, following his election, he suffered from a debilitating illness that prevented him from serving. As a result, on January 16, 2025, the MSRS Board terminated his membership. Mr. Thor has not filed an economic interest statement (EIS). Given that he never actively served as an MSRS Board member, a request has been made for the administrative termination of his role as a public official, which would be retroactive and would nullify the requirement to file an EIS.

The following motion was made:

Member Soule's motion: To approve the administrative termination requests.

Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.

B. Discussion Items

1. Item 1 was withdrawn as the lobbyist in question filed a termination statement.

2. Address waiver request - Eric Meittunen (carry over from February 13)

Deputy Commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, Eric Meittunen, requests a waiver to exclude the address of a second property from his economic interest statement. Citing the nature of his work, Mr. Meittunen states that he has faced threats related to his job duties and other concerns that could endanger himself and his family. Given these risks, Mr. Meittunen is seeking an exemption from disclosing the address of his secondary residence under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.09, subdivision 9. While Mr. Meittunen's request also refers to his primary residence, homestead property is not required to be disclosed within a statement of economic interest. Mr. Meittunen appeared before the Board.

The following motion was made:

Chair Asp's motion: To approve the waiver request.

Vote on motion: Members Asp and Soule voted in the affirmative. Mebers Flynn, Rashid, and Swanson voted in the negative.

C. Waiver Requests

1. Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1005 (30074)						
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	Board Action
2024 year-end	1/31/25	3/18/25	\$775	Yes. \$100 in 2011 due to software issues and report being sent to wrong email address; \$150 in 2012 due to software issues; and \$750 in 2019 due to not understanding 24-hour notice requirement.	Waive.	Soule moved to approve the staff recommendation. Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.
President David Stiggers explains that the filing responsibilities were previously handled by the union's financial secretary, who was hospitalized in November and passed away in January. Mr. Stiggers assumed the role of treasurer, entered two contributions made to candidates in November 2024 of \$750 each, and thought that he had filed the 2024 year-end report on time, but was unfamiliar with CFRO and did not actually file the report until March. Stiggers requests understanding as their office is currently struggling to manage responsibilities during this challenging time. Cash balance as of 12/31/24 was \$2,997. Stiggers appeared before the Board.						

2. MFC Action Fund (30658)						
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	Board Action
2024 year-end	1/31/25	2/7/25	\$125	Yes. \$750 in 2017 due to missing a 24-hour notice requirement and \$175 in 2024 due to challenges using CFRO.	Waive.	Soule moved to approve the staff recommendation for requests 2-4 and 6. Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.
Treasurer John Helmberger states that their bookkeeper was dealing with serious health issues in January and early February, then had difficulty using CFRO and contacted Board staff for assistance. It took a couple days for Board staff to respond, and after receiving assistance from Board staff the report was promptly filed. Cash balance as of 12/31/24 was \$1,634.						

3. North Fourth Minneapolis Media LLC (8298)						
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	Board Action
2024 LPR	3/17/25	3/28/25	\$200	No.	Waive.	Soule moved to approve the staff recommendation for requests 2-4 and 6. Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.
Principal Toby Brill stated that there was miscommunication between the Board office and theirs. She did not receive a reminder letter, and the Board had the wrong email address for communication. Additionally, Board staff initially thought that this principal was the same as North Fourth Minneapolis LLC, which caused delays in properly setting up the principal and registered lobbyists.						

4. Swedzinski (Chris) for House (17075)						
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	Board Action
Pre-general large contribution notice	10/29/24	1/30/25	\$1,000	Yes. \$750 in 2017 for 24-hour notice that was accidentally missed and \$50 in 2024 due to issue with treasurer's internet service.	Waive	Soule moved to approve the staff recommendation for requests 2-4 and 6. Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.
The committee received contributions of \$1,250 and \$500 on 10/28/24 and 10/30/24 from a party unit. Rep. Swedenski stated that the campaign treasurer faced medical issues, which is why a large contribution notice was not filed on time. Swedenski emphasized that no malice was intended and respects the importance of due dates. Cash balance as of 12/31/24 was \$11,265.						

5. Lobbyist Hannah Wind (5248)						Board Action
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	
Jan. 2025 LRs	1/15/25	1/16/25	\$150 (\$25x6)	No.	Waive.	Asp moved to approve the staff recommendation. Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.
Wind states that she and her colleague submitted all of their lobbyist reports together on January 15. While her colleague's reports and most of Wind's reports were recorded as submitted on time, six of Wind's reports were recorded as having been received January 16. Board IT staff checked the submission record and reports they were filed on January 16, 2025. Wind appeared before the Board.						

6. Ampian4MNHHouse (Josiah) (19116)						Board Action
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	
2024 year-end	1/31/25	2/13/25	\$225	No.	Waive.	Soule moved to approve the staff recommendation for requests 2-4 and 6. Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.
Josiah Ampian requests a waiver due to the committee's treasurer being a first-time treasurer. When contacted about the report being late, Mr. Ampian stated he believed the treasurer had already filed the report, but when he realized that was not the case, he then proceeded to complete and file the report himself. Mr. Ampian was a first-time candidate, his committee's registration with the Board has been terminated.						

7. Minnesota Future PSC (41308)						Board Action
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	
2024 April report 2024 June report 2024 Sept report	4/15/24 6/14/24 9/24/24	4/19/24 7/7/24 9/26/24	\$200 \$650 \$100 Total: \$950	No		Swanson moved to waive the \$650 late fee for the June report, reducing the amount owed to \$300. Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.
Former chair/treasurer Paul Jackson states that after the 2022 election cycle, the committee closed its bank accounts and has been dormant since. Mr. Jackson attempted to terminate the committee using CFRO and states he had difficulty doing so, but he did not contact Board staff for assistance and he filed a termination report in October 2024. Mr. Jackson complained that he did not receive reminder emails, which was due to him failing to provide an updated email address. The committee registered in 2022 and did not report making any expenditures aside from \$1,526 for web hosting, and an unpaid bill of \$5,452 for legal services, in 2023. The committee had a 2023 ending cash balance of \$84, and therefore could have filed a termination report at that time and avoided having to file any reports covering 2024.						

8. Campaign for Thomas J Sexton (19096)						Board Action
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	
Pre-primary large contribution notice	8/9/24	12/30/24	\$1,000	No.	Reduce to \$250.	Asp moved to approve the staff recommendation for requests 8-10 and 12-13. Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.
Rep. Sexton states as a first-time candidate in the final days of a closely contested primary election, he decided to expend his personal funds on text messages. The charges were applied to a personal credit card, and at the time, Rep. Sexton did not realize the purchase would exceed \$500. In-kind contributions of \$600 on 8/8/24 and \$400 on 8/12/24, from the candidate, consisting of the charges for the text messages, were first disclosed within the pre-general report filed 10/24/24. The committee timely filed several other large contribution notices. Cash balance as of 12/31/24 was \$4,210.						

9. The People for Sencer-Mura (Samantha) (18768)						
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	Board Action
Pre-general large contribution notice	11/5/24	1/21/25	\$1,000	No.	Reduce to \$250.	Asp moved to approve the staff recommendation for requests 8-10 and 12-13.
<p>Treasurer Laura Smith states that while preparing the 2024 year-end report in January, she discovered that the committee received a \$1,000 contribution 11/4/24, which was the last day of the pre-general large contribution notice period. The committee communicated with Board staff to determine the appropriate next steps. Smith acknowledged that, as a first-time campaign treasurer, she should have exercised greater vigilance in maintaining regular communication with the candidate during such a busy period. Moving forward, both the candidate and the treasurer will pay close attention to large contribution notice periods. Cash balance as of 12/31/24 was \$2,592.</p>						<p>Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.</p>

10. Jim Nash for Minnesota (17709)						Board Action
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	
Pre-general large contribution notice	10/28/24	1/31/25	\$1,000	No.	Reduce to \$250.	Asp moved to approve the staff recommendation for requests 8-10 and 12-13.
<p>Treasurer Mike McKeever states that while preparing the 2024 year-end report due in January, he discovered that the committee received a \$1,000 contribution 10/25/24, which was during the pre-general large contribution notice period. This was his first election year filing CFB reports. The contribution was not reflected in the bank printouts the treasurer used to prepare the pre-general report. A separate \$1,000 contribution deposited on October 28, 2024, was reported on time. McKeever emphasizes that the omission was unintentional and takes full responsibility for the error. Cash balance as of 12/31/24 was \$3,409.</p>						Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.

11. Josh Jungling for State Representative (19047)						
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	Board Action
Pre-general large contribution notices (2)	10/23/24	10/31/24	\$600	No.	Reduce to \$250.	Asp moved to waive the late fees.
The large contribution notices disclosed a joint contribution totaling \$2,000 made by married spouses. Treasurer John Wittek states the delay was due to the time required to obtain necessary filing details, including occupation/employer information for both contributors, and the spouse's name, which were not collected at the fundraising event. Cash balance as of 12/31/24 was \$6,863. Josh Jungling appeared before the Board.						Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.

12. Hudson (Walter) for Minnesota (18797)						Board Action
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	
Pre-general large contribution notice	10/31/24	1/31/25	\$1,000	No.	Reduce to \$250.	Asp moved to approve the staff recommendation for requests 8-10 and 12-13.
Rep. Hudson states that the \$1,000 contribution was received unexpectedly through a digital vendor and was not noticed right away. This oversight was unintentional and was only discovered later while preparing the end-of-year report. Rep. Hudson states this incident will prompt stricter monitoring of transactions during the pre-election period. Cash balance as of 12/31/24 was \$5,259.						Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.

13. NRA Political Victory Fund (70035)						Board Action
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	
Pre-general large contribution notice	10/31/24	1/29/25	\$1,000	No.	Reduce to \$250.	Asp moved to approve the staff recommendation for requests 8-10 and 12-13. Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.
Committee failed to file the large contribution notice in a timely manner due to a misunderstanding of the applicable rules for the specific contribution. NRA PVF was under the assumption that the notice was not required since the contribution was a transfer of funds from the Federal account of NRA PVF and not from an outside source. However, upon clarification that the notice would still be required in this instance, the notice was filed immediately. NRA PVF has procedures in place to prevent any further late filings. Cash balance as of 12/31/24 was \$5,029.						

14. Neighbors for Carlos Mariani (12353) and Carlos Mariani (state representative)						Board Action
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	
2018 pre-primary	7/30/18	9/11/18	\$847.70	No.		Soule moved to reduce the total amount owed to \$2,500, contingent upon Mariani making payments according to an agreed upon payment schedule, and reinstatement of the full balance owed if that payment schedule is not followed. Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.
2018 pre-general	10/29/18	10/30/20	\$2,000			
2018 annual EIS	1/28/19	6/24/19	\$1,100			
2018 year-end	1/31/19	3/4/19	\$525			
2020 pre-primary	7/27/20	10/26/20	\$2,000			
2020 pre-general						
24-hour notice	10/30/20	2/1/21	\$1,000			
2022 annual EIS						
2022 year-end	1/30/23	2/12/24	\$1,100			
2023 year-end	1/31/23	4/1/24	\$2,000			
	1/31/24	2/3/25	\$1,000			
			Total: \$11,572.70			
Mariani states that the late filings occurred during a particularly challenging personal period towards the end of his term in office, which coincided with significant pressures from his legislative duties. While he successfully managed major finance and policy laws, he struggled to keep up with other obligations, including compliance with campaign reporting laws. He emphasizes that his explanation is not an excuse but rather a truthful account of the circumstances. Having recently filed the last required report and closed his campaign account, Mariani paid the remaining balance, \$372.30, to the Board to help address some of the debt. However, he states that paying the outstanding fines would cause him personal financial hardship. Mariani is requesting that the Board suspend the debt or accept a reduced amount to fulfill his obligations. Additionally, he notes that he did not contest the Board's petition to the courts last year, which found him liable for the debt, and he acknowledges that the Board was correct in making the financial assessments against him.						

15. Lobbyist Will Dammann (4491)						Board Action
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	
Jan. 2025 LR	1/15/25	1/24/25	\$150	No	Reduce to \$75.	Asp moved to approve the staff recommendation. Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.
Mr. Dammann states he moved offices last year, and as a result, the reminder letter was sent to the old address. Furthermore, the email associated with his account was still linked to his former employer. He has now updated his records with the correct email and address.						

16. Lobbyist Dennis Egan (1001)						
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	Board Action
Jan. 2022 LR	1/18/22	1/27/22	\$350 (\$175x2)	No.		No action.
Mr. Egan states that at the time of the due date in 2022, he was out of town without access to a computer and struggled to maintain a stable connection using a cell phone. Upon returning to his office, Mr. Egan was able to file the reports. As a sole practitioner, Egan was unable to respond before the deadline. Mr. Egan is a lobbyist for three entities and back in 2022, he paid the late filing fee of \$175 for one of the entities he represents. Board staff contacted him in 2022 to request the remaining \$350 for the other two entities, but Mr. Egan did not respond.						

Payments

1. Return of public subsidy payment

Aaron (Brooksby) for MN 53B - \$1,854.31
Diane Napper for House - \$24.21
(Marion) Rarick for House - \$1274.94
Max (Ryder) for House Committee - \$290.68
Angela Zorn for MN House - \$1,909.64

2. Anonymous contribution

Friends for Paul Wikstrom - \$500

3. Civil penalty for disclaimer violation

Safer Hennepin - \$1,000

4. Late filing fee for 2018 candidate economic interest statement

Carlos Mariani - \$95

5. Civil penalty for 2018 pre-primary report

Neighbors for (Carlos) Mariani Committee - \$100

6. Late filing fee for 2018 year-end report

Neighbors for (Carlos) Mariani Committee - \$152.30 (partial payment)

7. Late filing fee for 2022 pre-primary large contribution notice

Safer Hennepin - \$250

8. Late filing fee for 2022 year-end report

Safer Hennepin - \$25

9. Late filing fee for 2024 pre-general large contribution notice

NEA Advocacy Fund - \$200

Kristi Pursell for House - \$50

10. Late filing fee for 2024 pre-general report

Safer Hennepin - \$1,000

11. Late filing fee for 2024 year-end report

Campaign Fund of Mike Christopherson - \$425

Citizens to Elect Al Juhnke - \$25

Committee to Elect Erika Bailey-Johnson - \$25

Neighbors for (Carlos) Mariani Committee - \$25

Doug Wardlow for Attorney General - \$50

12. Late filing fee for 2020 June lobbyist report

Gary Lamppa - \$100

13. Late filing fee for 2023 January lobbyist report

Andrew Askew - \$25

14. Late filing fee for 2023 June lobbyist report

Gary Thaden - \$75 (\$25 x 3)

15. Late filing fee for 2024 January lobbyist report

Andrew Askew - \$50

16. Late filing fee for 2024 June lobbyist report

Andrew Askew - \$25

Nikki Vilendrer - \$25

17. Late filing fee for 2025 January lobbyist report

Andrew Askew - \$50

Kate Bailey - \$150

Jean Noelle Cirisan - \$400
Sarah Erickson - \$100
Gary Lamma - \$50
Robert Lopez - \$25
Michaela Neu - \$150
Teresa Nicholson - \$50
Thomas Poul - \$50
Rachel Sosnowchik - \$275
Gary Thaden - \$150
Pierre Willette - \$25
John-Paul Yates - \$50

ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Ms. Engelhardt presented the Board with the annual report that is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The following motion was made:

Member Flynn's motion: To approve the report as drafted.

Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.

PRIMA FACIE DETERMINATIONS

Ms. Engelhardt presented members with a memorandum that is attached to and made a part of these minutes. On February 18, 2025, the Board received a complaint from Jodi Paulsen regarding "Concerned citizens of our tax dollars". The complaint was dismissed by Chair Rashid.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Hartshorn provided members with a legal report that is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Rashid recessed the regular session of the meeting and called to order the executive session. Upon adjournment of the executive session, Chair Rashid reported into regular session the findings in the Matter of the Complaint of Troy Scheffler regarding the Committee to Elect Josh Heintzeman and the probable cause determination in the Matter of the Complaint of Salina Amey regarding West Side Citizens Organization dba West Side Community Organization. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Rashid.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Sigurdson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Sigurdson".

Jeff Sigurdson
Executive Director

Attachments:

Executive director's report

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024

Prima facie determinations memo and attachments

Legal report



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CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2025

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM, unless otherwise noted.

2025

Wednesday, June 4

Wednesday, July 2

Wednesday, August 6

Wednesday, September 3

Wednesday, October 1

Wednesday, November 5

Wednesday, December 3



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CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Date: May 7, 2025

To: Board Members

From: Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director

Telephone: 651-539-1189

Re: Executive Director's Report – Board Operations

Board Staff

Greta Johnson resigned from her staff position effective May 6, 2025. Ms. Johnson accepted a position with the Governor's office, and is the new Director of Boards and Commissions. The staff position held by Ms. Johnson has been posted to the State of Minnesota Careers website (careers.mn.gov), and applications for the position of Management/Legal Analyst will be accepted through May 20, 2025.

Board Appointments

As of the date of this memo, the Governor has not made appointments for the position currently held by Member Soule, or the vacancy for a former Republican member of the legislature. The House has not held a confirmation hearing for Member Swanson, and the Senate has not taken up Member Swanson's appointment on the floor.

The regular session of the legislature must end on the first Monday following the third Saturday in May (May 19th). At this point it is looking unlikely that any further action on Board appointments will occur prior to the end of session. Member Swanson's confirmation will be before the legislature again next session, and Member Soule may continue to serve until July 1st of this year, pending reappointment or the appointment of a new Board member.

Legislative Action

The elections and campaign finance omnibus bill is [SF 3045](#). The bill passed the Senate 35-29 (party line vote). The House amended SF 3045, and passed the bill 113-21. The amendments were not accepted by the Senate, and a conference committee has been appointed. The conferees for the Senate are Senators Xiong, Carlson, Maye Quade, Westlin, and Lang. The conferees for the House are Representatives Klevorn, Nash, Freiberg, and Altendorf.

The Senate version of the bill contains the Board recommendations on lobbying, the House version does not. The Senate and House versions of the bill both provide the Board with an operating budget of \$1,819,000 in fiscal year 2026, and \$1,846,000 in fiscal year 2027.



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CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Date: May 7, 2025

To: Board members
Counsel Hartshorn

From: Megan Engelhardt, Assistant Executive Director

Telephone: 651-539-1182

Subject: Enforcement report for consideration at the May 14, 2025, Board meeting

A. Discussion Items

1. Balance adjustment request – Fulton (Doug) for Senate (18932)

The Fulton committee's reported 2023 ending cash balance was \$7,387.13, while the actual balance in its bank account was \$7,856.53, leaving a discrepancy of \$469.40. The candidate has spent a significant amount of time reviewing the financial records and working with Board staff; however, he has been unable to resolve the discrepancy that remains and is requesting an upward adjustment to the committee's 2023 ending cash balance in the amount of \$469.40. The committee has been registered with the Board since 2022, and once the balance adjustment is granted the committee plans on dispensing the remaining funds and terminating.

B. Waiver Requests

1. Lobbyist Dominic (Tony) Barranco - 5634					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
June 2024 LR	6/17/24	6/18/24	\$25	No.	Waive.
Mr. Barranco registered as a lobbyist for a single principal in February 2024 due to an anticipated project that may have involved conversations with elected officials, but the project never materialized and Mr. Barranco did not engage in lobbying. Mr. Barranco received a reminder about the need to file the report, but was confused about whether it applied to him. After receiving a second reminder Mr. Barranco filed the report, which was one day late. He subsequently terminated his lobbyist registration retroactive to 5/31/24. Barranco submitted a request to waive the late fee in November 2024, but due to an oversight by Board staff the request was not included within the materials for the January 2025 Board meeting.					

2. Lobbyist David Hoch - 3945					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
2024 June LDR	6/17/24	6/23/24	\$75	\$275 LFF waived in Nov. 2017 due to difficulty filing via website.	Waive.
Hoch states he was going through health issues and was receiving treatment out of state at the time the report was due.					

3. 4th Congressional District GPM - 20733					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
2024 pre-primary	7/29/24	8/22/24	\$900	\$950 LFF reduced to \$150 in Apr. 2022 after treasurer stepped down; \$250 LFF waived in Jan. 2015 due to CFR software issue; \$1,000 LFF waived in Sept. 2014 due to treasurer's health issues.	Waive.
Treasurer Darnella Wade requests a waiver, citing the recent loss of two close family members. Ms. Wade states that despite these hardships, they fulfilled their reporting duties as soon as circumstances allowed. She states the committee is actively seeking a qualified person to assume the treasurer's responsibilities to prevent similar issues in the future. Ms. Wade expresses concern that the \$900 penalty would severely hinder efforts to rebuild and restore functionality. They respectfully ask for leniency and appreciation for the opportunity to be heard. Ending cash balance as of 12/31/24: \$933.64					

4. HealtheMed					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
March 2025 LPR	3/17/25	3/19/25	\$50	No.	Waive.
VP Jim Jarvis explained there was a misunderstanding regarding who would file the principal report, as the registration provided incorrect contact information for the principal association. Once realized, the organization corrected their contact information and submitted the required report. They are now taking steps to ensure compliance and request a waiver of the \$50 penalty.					

5. KPMG LLP					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
March 2025 LPR	3/17/25	3/18/25	\$25	No.	Waive.
Dave Rodriguez states that the delay resulted from a transition in personnel: the previously listed point of contact retired in the fall of 2024. Unfortunately, emails sent to the former contact's address were neither rejected nor forwarded, leaving the organization unaware of the filing requirement. The issue only came to the organization's attention on March 17, 2025, through a third-party notification. Upon learning of the requirement, the organization immediately contacted the Board to obtain updated login credentials and successfully submitted the report on March 18, 2025.					

6. Tata America International Corp.					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
March 2025 LPR	3/17/25	3/19/25	\$50	No.	Waive.
Government affairs director Chris Gilligan states that the individual previously responsible for overseeing Minnesota-related efforts resigned unexpectedly in late December 2024 due to personal and health reasons. As a result, emails from Board staff to that individual were not received by anyone currently with the company. Although a letter was mailed, it was sent to the organization's New York headquarters, the address listed by the former contact, and was not forwarded internally for review until March 19, at which point the report filed the same day. Additionally, the organization ceased lobbying in Minnesota as of mid-2024 and no longer retains a Minnesota-based lobbyist. There are no current or planned lobbying activities in the state, and no filings are anticipated for calendar year 2025.					

7. MN Assn of Exterior Specialists (now Contractors Association of MN)					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
March 2025 LPR	3/17/25	4/9/25	\$425	No.	Waive
Tracy Dahlin states there was confusion stemming from a recent name change, however, there were lobbyist registered under both their old name (MN Assn of Exterior Specialists) and the new name (Contractors Association of MN) in 2024, so both entities needed to file. They were able to file MN Assn of Exterior Specialists report on time, but not Contractors Association of MN as there were issues involved with the registration. They have since resolved the issue and expect no further complications moving forward. Given the efforts made to comply and the transitional nature of the name change, a waiver of the late fee is respectfully requested.					

8. Land Stewardship Action Fund (LSA)					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
March 2025 LPR	3/17/25	4/7/25	\$375	No.	Waive
Government relations director Laura Schreiber states the notices regarding the report were sent to a former employee who has not been with the organization since the fall of 2024. Due to this outdated contact information, current staff were unaware of the filing requirement until the issue was brought to their attention. Upon being notified, Schreiber promptly submitted the report, which states that that no money was spent on lobbying in 2024.					

9. Summit Mortgage Corporation					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
March 2025 LPR	3/17/25	4/22/25	\$650	No.	Waive
Bill Schwietz states he retired from Summit Mortgage on September 30, 2024. On October 1, 2024, Schwietz filed lobbyist termination statements for both Summit Mortgage and another principal, indicating that no lobbying activities took place during the final reporting period. He believed that the termination filings fulfilled his obligations. He was unable to access his Summit Mortgage email after retirement and did not receive notifications about the principal report. The principal report was filed after Board staff contacted Schwietz by phone on April 22, 2025. Unlike the other principal that Schwietz was registered on behalf of, Schwietz was listed as the contact person for Summit Mortgage so Board notices were sent to him rather than another individual. Summit Mortgage no longer has any lobbyists registered with the Board.					

10. MN Tourism Growth Coalition					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
March 2025 LPR	3/17/25	3/18/25	\$25	No.	Waive.
Sarah Psick was the sole lobbyist for the Coalition until their representation ended on May 31, 2024. The Coalition itself was officially dissolved on July 31, 2024. Following the dissolution, the organization's website and email accounts were disabled. An association management company received a mailed notice about the requirement to file the report, which was forwarded via email to Psick on March 18, 2025, and the report was filed the same day.					

11. Gerdau Ameristeel US, Inc.					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
March 2025 LPR	3/17/25	3/21/25	\$100	No.	Waive.
<p>Plant manager Kevin Ruhnke explained that the delay in filing was caused by transitions and communication issues after the closure of a sister facility and the retirement of the previous filer. Prior to 2025, reports were managed at a different location by a former controller. With that location closed and no notifications received about the 2025 report, the current filer contacted Board staff on March 5; however the voicemail went into the state's quarantine and did not reach staff right way. A response arrived on March 13, just before the deadline, but a pre-scheduled vacation prevented Ruhnke from acting until March 21. Upon return, the report was promptly filed with the correct login. Ruhnke is committed to ensuring timely compliance in the future.</p>					

12. Building Brighter Futures - 60075					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
2025 1st quarter report	4/14/25	4/18/25	\$200	No.	Waive.
<p>This is a ballot question committee focused on a school district bond referendum. Treasurer Juhl Erickson was not aware that committees focused on local elections, other than candidates, are now required to register and file reports with the Board rather than with a local filing officer. Erickson filed three campaign finance reports with the school district office believing that was the correct process, and was not informed by the school district of the change in state law. Board staff became aware of the committee, then emailed Erickson on April 7, 2025, and mailed and emailed a letter to Erickson on April 16, 2025. He needed assistance with using CFRO but was able to file the report two days after getting in contact with Board staff.</p>					

13. Joe Widmer For Minnesota - 18805					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
2023 year-end	1/31/24	2/24/25	\$2,000	No.	
2024 year-end	1/31/25	2/24/25	\$110		
<p>Widmer states his campaign for House District 33B was launched quickly in response to the announcement of new redistricting lines in early 2022. The campaign was organized rapidly and he decided to serve as treasurer. Out of concern for submitting incorrect reports, he delayed reaching out for assistance, unintentionally compounding the problem. It was only through guidance from Board staff that Widmer gained clarity on how to properly resolve the matter and expresses gratitude for the support received. The 2023 and 2024 year-end reports were no-change statements. The Widmer committee used its remaining funds to pay \$640 to the Board in April 2025. Of that amount, \$375 covered the late fee for the 2022 year-end report, and \$265 was applied toward the \$375 late fee for the 2024 year-end report, leaving a balance owed of \$2,110 comprised mostly of the late fee and civil penalty for the 2023 year-end report. Widmer filed a termination report on 4/23/25. Cash balance as of 4/23/25: \$0</p>					

14. Rider Academy					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
2024 LPR	3/17/25	4/1/25	\$275	No.	
<p>Jed Duncan states this was the business's first time working with a lobbyist, and they were unaware of the reporting requirement. Additionally, as a seasonal business that closes from October to April, they did not receive the mailed notice due to limited mail forwarding during their off-season. Upon receiving a phone call about the issue, they promptly responded and submitted the required form the following day.</p>					

15. Empower					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
March 2025 LPR	3/17/25	4/9/25	\$425	No.	
Chief of Staff Roshn Marwah states this was the organization's first lobbying experience in Minnesota, and they were unaware of the filing requirement until after the deadline. Once informed, the report was submitted immediately. There were typos within the registration forms of the principal's contract lobbyists, which caused the principal to not receive any communications from the Board until April 11. Given the organization's inexperience, the incorrect contact details, and their prompt response, they respectfully request that the late fee be waived. Empower had three lobbyists registered on its behalf for approximately two months in 2024, and no longer has any lobbyists registered with the Board.					

16. Dog Lovers 4 Safe Trapping MN					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
March 2025 LPR	3/17/25	3/29/25	\$225	No.	
President John Reynolds states that the house he resided in was sold in 2024 and a period of extensive travel began across several states. During this time reliable access to mail was inconsistent. Dog Lovers 4 Safe Trapping MN has not engaged in lobbying since 2021 and its two lobbyists terminated their registrations on behalf of the organization as of May 31, 2024.					

17. Before Racism					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
March 2025 LPR	3/17/25	4/18/25	\$600	No.	
Bill Svrluga states the oversight was due to inexperience with lobbying requirements and a misunderstanding of their obligations. In early 2024, they briefly engaged the Hylden Advocacy and Law firm for legislative support but ended those efforts in the first quarter, mistakenly believing no further reporting was necessary. Despite multiple mailed notices from Board staff, Svrluga was working remotely causing a significant delay in reading the notices. Upon returning in mid-April, Svrluga contacted Board staff for assistance and submitted the required report. Before Racism had three lobbyists registered on its behalf for two-three months in 2024, and no longer has any lobbyists registered with the Board.					

18. Lobbyist Nichole Ramalingam - 2829					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
2024 LR	1/15/25	2/19/25	\$575	No.	
Ramalingam states that due to an administrative oversight, the paperwork to terminate her registration on behalf of RCI Inc. was not submitted at the end of 2024. No lobbying activities were conducted on behalf of the organization during the reporting period in question, and as such, there was no activity to report. In light of these circumstances—a clerical error and the absence of lobbying activity—Ramalingam respectfully asks the Board to consider waiving the late fee. Ramalingam has been a registered lobbyist since 2012.					

19. Brady Fuglie - Clay SWCD NW/Area 1					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
Original EIS	3/6/25	3/31/25	\$30	No.	Do not waive.
Fuglie states the delay was caused by technical issues with the online form, which he was unable to complete successfully. Fuglie states that upon receiving a paper form from Board staff, he promptly filled it out and returned it, demonstrating his intent to comply promptly despite the technical difficulties. However, Board staff sent him a paper form via e-mail on March 13 and March 19, which was during the grace period and prior to a late filing fee beginning to accrue. Board staff also worked with him to reset his online password.					

Payments

1. Return of excess carryforward

Alicia (Kozlowski) for Duluth - \$9,560.30

2. Civil penalty for exceeding the aggregate party unit and terminating principal campaign committee limit

Tom Dippel for House - \$125

3. Civil penalty for exceeding the aggregate special source limit

Steve Cwodzinski for State Senate - \$200

Clare Oumou Verbeten for Senate - \$75

4. Civil penalty for accepting contributions from lobbyists during the legislative session

Tim Walz for Governor - \$4,600

5. Civil penalty for exceeding the individual contribution limit

Tim Walz for Governor - \$8,076.02

6. Late filing fee for underlying source disclosure statements

Coalition of Minnesota Businesses - \$800

Coalition of Minnesota Businesses IEPC - \$800

7. Late filing fee for 2022 year-end report

Joe Widmer for Minnesota - \$375

8. Late filing fee for 2024 year-end report

Joe Widmer for Minnesota - \$265 (partial payment)

9. Late filing fee for 2024 pre-primary large contribution notice

Campaign for Thomas J Sexton - \$250

10. Late filing fee for 2024 pre-general large contribution notice

Hudson (Walter) for Minnesota - \$250

NRA Political Victory Fund - \$250

The People for Sencer-Mura (Samantha) - \$250

11. Late filing fee for 2024 pre-general report

DFL Disability Caucus - \$200

12. Late filing fee for 2018 January lobbyist report

Christian Franzen - \$75

13. Late filing fee for 2020 June lobbyist report

Anthony Cornish - \$125
Christian Franzen - \$50
Erin Hanafin Berg - \$100

14. Late filing fee for 2022 January lobbyist report

Dennis Egan - \$350 (\$175 x 2)

15. Late filing fee for 2024 June lobbyist report

Ben Golnik - \$750 (\$75 x 10)
Deborah Loon Stumbras - \$50

16. Late filing fee for 2025 January lobbyist report

Jeremy Duehr - \$50 (\$25 x 2)
Will Waggoner - \$50
Hanna Zinn - \$300 (\$150 x 2)

17. Late filing fee for 2019 lobbyist principal report

Rethos - \$25

18. Late filing fee for 2022 lobbyist principal report

Dominium Development & Acquisition LLC - \$150

19. Late filing fee for 2023 lobbyist principal report

SEIU Local 26 - \$50

20. Late filing fee for 2024 lobbyist principal report

American Institute of Architects-MN (AIA Minnesota) - \$375
American Legion Post 435 - \$175
Citizens Against Gambling Expansion (CAGE) - \$75
Conifer Holdings Inc. - \$475

Dominium Development & Acquisition LLC - \$125
Electronic Gaming Group of Minnesota - \$150
GAF Roofing - \$50
MN Timberwolves Basketball Ltd Partnership - \$175
New Horizon Academy - \$25
Pro-Choice Minnesota - \$25
Rethos - \$25
Reuter Walton - \$375
SEIU Local 26 - \$175
Smart Growth Minneapolis - \$50



November 21, 2024



Megan Engelhardt, Assistant Executive Director
MN Campaign Finance Board
Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street, Suite 190
St. Paul, MN 55155-1603

Re: Lobbyist Disbursement Report | June 16, 2024

Megan,

Pursuant to your letter dated November 8, 2024, I would like to respectfully request that the proposed penalty of \$25 be waived in this matter. I would also like my name removed as a registered lobbyist as I've not engaged in any lobbying activity.

As additional background, there was a matter for which we contemplated conversations with elected officials, however due to other circumstances, the project never advanced to the point of any discussion, and we don't expect any future conversations to take place.

When I received the initial request to file a report, there was confusion as to why the request had been made and whether it was applicable. In my position I receive a lot of correspondence including many that appear official but don't require action. When I received the second notice, we immediately completed the filing, which was evidently one day past the deadline. Since I have not and do not intend to engage in lobbying activity, I again respectfully request that this proposed \$25 penalty be waived and that I be removed from this list.

If the removal from the list requires any more action beyond this letter, please send me an email at tony.barranco@ryancompanies.com and let me know what else is needed.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony B" with a stylized flourish.

Tony Barranco
President, North Region

Enclosure: MN Campaign Finance Board Letter

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ryancompanies.com

From: [David Hoch](#)
To: [Engelhardt, Megan \(CFB\)](#)
Subject: Re: 2023 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal – Due March 15, 2024
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 6:56:36 AM

To the MN CFB,

I have a very severe and progressive form of CRPS; I have gone through countless treatments here in MN (United Pain Clinic, Noran Clinic, Premier Pain, Mpls. Clinic of Neurology, etc.) - even being referred to the MN Medical Cannabis program - in order to gain relief from the chronic pain.

I learned of an aggressive Ketamine-infusion treatment, offered in the U.S. only by Dr. Anthony Kirkpatrick in Tampa, FL at the International RSD/CRPS Research Foundation. I traveled THREE times to see Dr. Kirkpatrick, including in early June, 2024. The treatment I received (starting June 2nd) resulted in me being rushed to the Emergency Room at AdventHealth Hospital in Tampa. After my stay there, I was cleared to continue the Ketamine treatments with Dr. Kirkpatrick. On the last day of the treatment (June 12th), I again went into bradycardia.

I was again revived, and the treatment halted. After remaining in Tampa for observation, I returned back to MN.

I attempted to login to my CFB acct., but was not able to. I emailed the CFB, requesting assistance. I was finally able, with the CFB help, to login and complete my report.

I have all the medical records, emails, etc. to fully support my claims. Those records are yours upon request.

I believe, in light of the extraordinary circumstances surrounding what transpired, that this \$75.00 late fee be waived.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

David Hoch
President
Minnesotans for Responsible Government

From: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB) <megan.engelhardt@state.mn.us>
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 8:52 AM

To: David Hoch <hoch29@hotmail.com>

Subject: RE: 2023 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal – Due March 15, 2024

David,

There is not a waiver request form. You just need to email me an email or a letter that states why the report was late and any good cause for why you should not have to pay.

You can see what Board staff puts together for the Board to review at the Board meeting by looking at the Board's meeting materials. This is the link to the Board's April Board meeting:

https://cfb.mn.gov/pdf/bdinfo/agendas/2025_04_08_materials.pdf The waiver requests start at page 18. Board staff summarizes the waiver request and then the actual waiver request is provided to the Board for them to review. Thanks!

Megan

Megan Engelhardt

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From: David Hoch <hoch29@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 8:41 AM

To: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB) <megan.engelhardt@state.mn.us>

Subject: Re: 2023 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal – Due March 15, 2024

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Megan,

Please let me know where I might find the Waiver Request.

Thank you.

David

From: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB) <megan.engelhardt@state.mn.us>
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2025 2:50 PM
To: David Hoch <hoch29@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: 2023 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal – Due March 15, 2024

David,

The late filing fee of \$75 remains outstanding. If you want to email me a waiver request, you can do so. We do not consider waiver requests before the report is filed, so no one assumed that your email below was a waiver request. Also, as waiver requests are public, some people just prefer to pay them. Please feel free to either email me a waiver request explaining why the report was late and any good cause as to why you should not have to pay. If you would rather pay the \$75, you can do so by mailing a check made out to the State of Minnesota to our office. Thanks!

Megan

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From: David Hoch <hoch29@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 6:18 AM
To: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB) <megan.engelhardt@state.mn.us>
Subject: Fw: 2023 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal – Due March 15, 2024

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Megan,

Please see this email chain, regarding your letter to me, dated April 18, 2025.

I assumed this 'late fee' matter had been resolved, due to my medical treatment and my inability to login to my acct.

Please advise if you need something further.

If an in-person hearing is needed to resolve my appeal of the late fee, please let me knw.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

David Hoch

Reg. No.: 3945

From: David Hoch <hoch29@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 4:37 PM

To: Ross, Erika (CFB) <Erika.T.Ross@state.mn.us>

Subject: Re: 2023 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal – Due March 15, 2024

Erika,

I have been receiving CRPS medical treatment in Tampa, FL. There were complications and I ended up in Advent Health hospital. I just returned home and noticed that while I have my hochdavid3945 username, I do not have a password. Can you assist me with this? Thank you.

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From: Ross, Erika (CFB) <Erika.T.Ross@state.mn.us>

Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 8:08:03 AM

To: david hoch <hoch29@hotmail.com>

Subject: RE: 2023 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal – Due March 15, 2024

Greetings,

Please make sure to use the direct link to the principal login page. The principal report uses a completely separate login page from the lobbyist disbursement report and you may be using the lobbyist login page.

For a direct link to the principal reporting page click here: <https://principal.cfb.mn.gov/reporting/>

If it continues to give you an error message once you have verified that the direct link and login information are being used, please try clearing your browser cache or try a different web browser.

Please note: The password is case sensitive. Use only UPPER case letters. Click “show password

characters” before logging in to make sure the password is correct.

User Name:

Password:

Thank you,

Erika Ross
Programs Analyst
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board
(651) 539-1187



From: david hoch <hoch29@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 08, 2024 7:23 AM
To: Ross, Erika (CFB) <Erika.T.Ross@state.mn.us>
Subject: Re: 2023 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal – Due March 15, 2024

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Hello, Erika.

I am not able to access my account, using the information provided below.

The system is telling me the information is 'invalid'.

Can you look into this?

Thank you.

David Hoch

From: Ross, Erika (CFB) <Erika.T.Ross@state.mn.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 11:46 AM
To: hoch29@hotmail.com <hoch29@hotmail.com>
Subject: 2023 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal – Due March 15, 2024

From: Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board **Sent by Email and 1st Class Letter**

Subject: **Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal – Due March 15, 2024**

The Annual Report of Principal expenditures to influence legislative action, administrative action and the official actions of metropolitan governmental units in Minnesota during the period of January 1 through December 31, 2023, is due on **March 15, 2024**.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD. A principal who fails to file the annual report by the due date is subject to a late filing fee of \$25 per day, not to exceed \$1000, beginning the day after the report was due.

The Annual Report discloses the total amount spent by your association on lobbying activities in Minnesota during 2023. The disclosure is provided in two numbers: 1) the amount spent to influence the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in cases of rate setting, power plant and power line siting, and granting of certificates of need; and 2) all other lobbying expenditures in Minnesota not included in number 1.

When calculating the expenditures to be reported in either number, remember to include: all expenditures for advertising, mailing, research, compilation and dissemination of information, and public relations campaigns, as well as all salaries and administrative expenses for paid inhouse lobbyists and support staff; and all payments to contract lobbyists. The amount spent on administrative lobbying before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the amount spent on all other lobbying efforts may each be rounded to the nearest \$20,000 on the report. If you prefer, you may choose to report the actual amount spent on lobbying.

As a principal that had a lobbyist registered during 2023, your association must file a report even if no disbursements were made during 2023.

The report may be completed and filed electronically through the Board's website at <https://principal.cfb.mn.gov/reporting/>

To access the electronic filing system you must use the following specific username and password.

Please note: The password is case sensitive. Use only UPPER case letters.

User Name: 5756 **Password:** 66U62L94

If you have problems with your user name or password, or questions about using the application please contact Erika Ross at 651-539-1187 or toll free at 800-657-3889 or erika.t.ross@state.mn.us

If you prefer to file on paper you may print off a copy of the report at:

https://cfb.mn.gov/pdf/forms/lobbyist/prin_rpt.pdf

If your report is not filed electronically or received in the Board office by March 22, 2024, the fifth business day after the due date, the name of the association required to file the report will be listed on the Board's website.

Johnson, Greta (CFB)

From: Darnella 4TH CD MNGP <darnellagogreen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 12:06 PM
To: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)
Subject: Request for Waiver
Attachments: 20250422-1003.pdf

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Salutations.

My name is Darnella Wade and I am the Chair of the Minnesota Green Party's 4th Congressional District. I am writing to ask for a waiver in regards to the \$900 in late fees I have accrued for the July 29, 2024 time period.

Please reconsider due to a "good cause" I had 2 family members die in the family. One elder and one younger, both mothers in the family. One was in a hospice and this required the family's attention, and the other unexpectedly. this was a lot to bear for the family. Both mothers leaving children and grandchildren behind. Sadden by these events it took a mental tool on the whole family. However when the calm came after the storm, I did attempt to fulfill my congressional duties; and returned the report as soon as possible.

I have been updated on some of the changes per policy, and the recent changes regarding reporting. I am also in the process of rebuilding the 4th CD and am looking for an able candidate to perform the treasurer's duties to avoid these kinds of mishaps in the future.

Being the Chair for the past 5 years, I have also been the person responsible for the monies in the 4th CD account and the fee of \$900 would annihilate the ability of the 4th CD to be able to regroup and function now that we are in our rebuilding stage. I ask you all to reconsider the penalties and I thank you for allowing me to be heard and considered.

I have attached the family information as well.

Please contact me at your convince.

Johnson, Greta (CFB)

From: Jim Jarvis <jjarvis@Healthemed.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2025 1:44 PM
To: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)
Cc: Ron Mandelbaum
Subject: Waiver of Penalty Fee Request
Attachments: CFB Penalty Fee Letter.pdf

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Dear Ms. Engelhardt:

I would like to request that the \$50 late filing fee for Reg. No. 7998 be waived. (Attached is a copy of your penalty letter.)

We recognize the need for timely filing of these statutory reports. Three individuals with our company each received letters from the CFB directing them to file lobbyist reports: Steve Pontius; Ashley Miller; and Ron Mandelbaum.

As compliance officer for HealtheMed, I confirmed that two of the three (Mr. Pontius and Ms. Miller) - who had previously filed reports of their lobbying activities in 2023 do so again for 2024. Those filings were made on time.

Mr. Mandelbaum, however, had not conducted lobbying activities on behalf of our company during 2024. Therefore, I sent an email to the CFB inquiring whether a mistake had been made in sending Mr. Mandelbaum a letter. Simultaneously, I assisted him in preparing and filing an online report, stating that he had not conducted lobbying activities during 2024.

Thereafter, I learned this was a mistake. Mr. Mandelbaum was to have filed a report that our company had paid fees to an independent consultant in 2024 (\$7,200). I had erroneously thought the consultant lobbyist we engaged was responsible for filing her report.

I further clarified this with a call to the CFB in follow-up to my email. Upon which I immediately changed the lead contact for our Principal Lobbying Report from Mr. Mandelbaum to myself, James Jarvis, and submitted the required report.

In the future, I will be receiving the Principal Lobbying Report letter. Please consider the foregoing and waive the \$50 penalty fee.

Best,

Jim Jarvis

VP, Legal & Compliance

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Johnson, Greta (CFB)

From: Rodriguez, David <davidrodriguez@kpmg.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2025 11:54 AM
To: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)
Cc: Kennedy, Suzanna
Subject: Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal - KPMG LLP / Stinson

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Good Afternoon Megan,

My name is Dave Rodriguez, a Principal with KPMG LLP, who currently works with Stinson LLP with regards to the State of Minnesota. I recently received a notice from the Minnesota Campaign Finance Board regarding late filing fees associated with the recent submission of our Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal.

Per the guidance in the notice, I am submitting this request to waive the late filing fees for good cause: The previously listed KPMG point-of-contact for this report retired during the Fall of 2024. Unfortunately, any emails that were sent to the previously listed email address were not rejected/re-forwarded, so our team did not become aware of this request until March 17th, 2025, when notified by the Stinson team. Upon notification, our team contacted Ploua Lor to obtain an updated User ID and Password to access the report and update for submission. We received the updated log-in information on March 18th, 2025 and successfully submitted the report that same day.

Given this chain of events, we are requesting these late filing fees to be waived at this time.

Thank you for your consideration and I am standing by if you have any clarifying questions.

Dave Rodriguez (he/him/his)
Principal, Advisory, Health and Government
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Johnson, Greta (CFB)

From: Chris Gilligan <chris.gilligan@tcs.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2025 11:03 AM
To: Lor, Ploua (CFB); Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)
Subject: RE: Late Filing Fee - Tata America International Corp. (8269)

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Ploua, Megan and Minnesota Campaign Finance Board Team –

Thank you for your letter dated March 29, 2025 regarding the Tata America International Corp Lobbyist Principal Report (Report) due March 17, 2025; Reg. No. 8269.

We admit our Report was filed two days late, but as a first-time filer, we believe we have good cause to waive the fee, which is described in detail below.

The account leader tasked with overseeing our efforts in Minnesota resigned abruptly in late December 2024 due to personal / health reasons. While the Minnesota Campaign Finance Board (Board) reached out to the account leader, no one at our company ever received those emails.

While The Board also mailed a letter via The United States Postal Service, it was sent to our headquarters in New York, the address our former Minnesota state leader listed. The letter was sent to me for review on March 19. (I am happy to share that email if desired.) I reviewed it and quickly filed our report that same day.

Finally, we are no longer exploring opportunities in Minnesota as of mid-2024. We ceased working with our Minnesota-based lobbyist and have no near-term plans for any possible projects or lobbying. We do not expect the need to file a Report for calendar year 2025.

We take all of our duties and responsibilities very seriously, including the filing of Reports like the Minnesota Lobbyist Principal Report. Tata always strives to be a good corporate citizen wherever we do or pursue business. I hope The Board will agree that due to a series of unforeseen situations our Report was late.

We respectfully ask for, and would greatly appreciate, a waiver for this first offense.

Should you have any questions feel free to reach out to me at chris.gilligan@yahoo.com or 859-552-9098.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Gilligan

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Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
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From: Lor, Ploua (CFB) <Ploua.Lor@state.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 11:38 AM
To: Chris Gilligan <chris.gilligan@tcs.com>
Subject: Late Filing Fee - Tata America International Corp. (8269)

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Hello Chris,

I hope you are doing well. As promised, I have attached a copy of the late filing fee letter to this email. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Ploua Lor

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Johnson, Greta (CFB)

From: Tracy <onetrikpony@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2025 3:29 PM
To: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)
Cc: Tracy Dahlin; Lor, Ploua (CFB); Contractors Association of Minnesota
Subject: Re: Lobbyist Principal Reports
Attachments: 20250409_152245.jpg; 20250409_152250.jpg; 20250409_152257.jpg; 20250409_152302.jpg

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Thanks for taking the time to figure this out with me today. I appreciate the help.

I have attached the two forms.

Additionally, I would ask for a waiver of late fees because of the confusion due to name change of the organization. I had tried to file online on the 11th, but was not able to. I had then sent the annual report via USPS on March 11, but for the new name Contractors Association of Minnesota, as opposed to the old name of MN Assn of Exterior Specialists.

It seems that we have everything ironed out going forward, and should not be a problem in the future.

Thanks,

Thanks,

Tracy

On Wed, Apr 9, 2025 at 3:15 PM Engelhardt, Megan (CFB) <megan.engelhardt@state.mn.us> wrote:

Hello Tracy,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with us about the missing lobbyist principal report for MN Assn of Exterior Specialists. I have attached two PDFs—one for you to file an amended report for Contractor Assn of MN and one for MN Assn of Exterior Specialists. Please complete the reports and return back to me. You can also email me the waiver request. We will be reaching out to Ian Marsh regarding terminating as of 12/31/2024, which will close out MN Assn of Exterior Specialists.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have questions or concerns. Thanks!

Megan

Megan Engelhardt

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Johnson, Greta (CFB)

From: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 1:58 PM
To: Laura Schreiber
Cc: Johnson, Greta (CFB)
Subject: RE: Late Fee Waiver Request, LSA

Hello Laura,

We can use your email below as the waiver request for the Board to consider. Please note that waiver requests are public, and your waiver request will be in the Board's meeting materials on the Board's website. The waiver request will also be discussed at the public portion of the Board's meeting. Please let me know if you want to add anything to your waiver request, otherwise I will use the email below. Thanks!

Megan

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From: Laura Schreiber <lschreiber@landstewardshipproject.org>
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 1:43 PM
To: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB) <megan.engelhardt@state.mn.us>
Subject: Late Fee Waiver Request, LSA

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Hello Megan,

I hope you are doing well, I am reaching out as Land Stewardship Action Fund (LSA) incurred \$375 late fee for filing our Principal Lobbyist Report as the notices were going to Amanda Koehler, the principal on file, who longer works for LSA as of last fall. Ploua then connected with Sean Carroll our policy director and I as the new

principal lobbyist did fill out the form and we had spent no time/money on lobbying activities last year with LSA. I do sincerely apologize that we were late to filling this report and missed this component as I have recently started this role at LSP/LSA and didn't realize that Amanda was stilling receiving the notices for this report.

Would it be possible for the board to either waive or reduce the fee due to this error?

Thank you for your consideration and I am happy to provide any additional details or clarification if you have more questions.

Thank you,
Laura

Laura Schreiber (*she, her*)

Government Relations Director

lschreiber@landstewardshipproject.org

612-207-4693 (direct)

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From: [Bill Schwietz](#)
To: [CFBEmail](#)
Cc: [Lor, Ploua \(CFB\)](#)
Subject: Request for waiver of late fees
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 4:59:50 PM

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Campaign Finance Board Members:

I am seeking the waiver of \$650 in late filing fees that have been assessed for not delivering a Lobbyist Principal Report for Summit Mortgage.

Several years ago I began volunteering as the Minnesota Mortgage Association's (MMA) contact with the MN Department of Commerce and the state legislature. Since I was promoting the industry's views as well as occasionally supporting legislation, I registered myself in 2022 as the lobbyist for the MMA and Summit Mortgage, my employer at the time. I registered out of caution, even though no gifts were ever given or money spent. After a 42 year career in the mortgage business I retired from Summit Mortgage as well as ended my volunteer work on September 30, 2024. On October 1, 2024 I filed Lobbyist Termination Statements for both organizations. On page two of the termination statements I indicated that "No lobbying efforts were made by me/the entity during this reporting period". I assumed that these statements covered any activity up to that point and that there was no need to file additional reports. To my knowledge another lobbyist has not registered to represent either entity. The email address that I registered with the CFB was Summit Mortgage's address so I had no ability to access it after September 30th. Fortunately I registered my cell phone number which Ploua Lor used to call me on April 22nd about a late Lobbyist Principal Report for Summit Mortgage. I was a bit surprised because I thought I had done all that was required to report and terminate the lobbyist registrations for both entities. I'm not sure why this issue has come up for Summit Mortgage but not for the MMA.

Please waive the \$650 late filing fees for the following reasons.

- I misunderstood the termination process.
- I assumed that the statements on page two of the Lobbyist Termination Statement covered reporting and further reporting was unnecessary.
- No gifts were given or money spent in lobbying efforts.
- There have been no lobbying efforts since my filing of the last reports which covered January 1st through May 31st of 2024.
- I had not been able to receive Summit Mortgage emails since September 30, 2024. (Was there a "bounceback" message to the CFB?)
- I didn't receive a phone call about this until April 22, 2025.
- I am retired and am not aware if a lobbyist has registered to represent Summit Mortgage.

Bill Schwietz

651.271.1448

Bill@WFS-Consulting.com

From: [Sarah Psick](#)
To: [Engelhardt, Megan \(CFB\)](#); [Sigurdson, Jeff \(CFB\)](#)
Subject: Lobbyist Principal Report
Date: Monday, April 28, 2025 4:55:26 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-evz2hsfy.png](#)
[MTGC Lobbyist Principal Report 2024.pdf](#)
[2025-02-28 MN Campaign Finance Board notice.pdf](#)
[3.18.25 Email.pdf](#)
[2025-04-01 MTGC MN Campaign Finance Board notice.pdf](#)

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Hello Jeff and Megan,

Jeff, thank you for visiting me earlier today at the House hearing. As a follow-up to that discussion, I would like to formally request a waiver of the \$25 late filing fee for the Minnesota Tourism Growth Coalition Lobbyist Principal Report based on the following:

- I was the principal lobbyist for the Minnesota Tourism Growth Coalition until my lobbyist representation was terminated effective 5.31.24.
- The Minnesota Tourism Growth Coalition dissolved effective 7.31.24 as was recognized by the Secretary of State Certificate of Dissolution.
- The organization's website and email were disabled following that date.
- The organization's association management company (ADS) received a letter in the mail regarding the requirement to file the MN Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal with a due date of 3.17.25 (attached)
- On 3.18.25, the association management company sent me a copy of the letter via email (attached)
- After receiving the email, the lobbyist principal report was immediately filed on 3.18.25 (attached)
- On 4.8.25, the association management company sent me a copy of a letter indicating a \$25 late filing fee was due (attached).

Based on these facts, I request a waiver of the \$25 late filing fee. Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is any other information that I can provide to support this request.

Thank you,
Sarah Psick



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Johnson, Greta (CFB)

From: Kevin Ruhnke <Kevin.Ruhnke@gerdau.com>
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2025 2:37 PM
To: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)
Subject: Lobbyist Principal Report Reg No 5871

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Hello Megan,

I received a letter stating that I owe \$100 for submitting my lobbyist report on March 21st past the deadline. I would like this fee to please be waived. Prior to 2025, these reports were sent to our sister mill in St. Paul Minnesota, where our controller, Joanne Feidt, would submit the information. This mill in St. Paul closed last year and Joanne retired. She informed me of the process and stated that she had informed your office that I would be the new contact for the site. I did not receive any paper mail or email requests about filing 2025's report so on 3/5/25, I reached out to your office by telephone and left a message about this and information on how to log in to submit. I received a response from Ploua Lor 8 days later on 3/13/24 (4 days before deadline), but at that time was on vacation until 3/20. When I returned on the 21st, I spoke with Ploua and she gave me the log in information so that I could get this filed, which I did. When logging into to my companies site, it still had all of the old contact information for Joanne Feidt who had retired.

Long story short (or still long...), I am unsure if Joanne's information was updated or if Joanne even requested it, but due to the mill closing, Joanne retiring, not receiving the request letter and not receiving a response until right before the deadline, and then my vacation. I think the late fee should be waived. A lot of unusual variables but I did try to reach out at the beginning of the month to try and get this all straightened out and hopefully this will not be a problem going forward.

Appreciate your consideration!

Thank you,

Kevin Ruhnke
Plant Manager
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From: Juhl Erickson <juhle@staplesoil.com>
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2025 10:31 AM
To: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)
Subject: Building Brighter Futures CFRO late report

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Good Morning Megan-

Thank you for the support I needed to get our organization registered properly and for your assistance in getting our first quarter report submitted correctly. I respectfully ask that you please consider waiving our accrued late fees. I was not aware that reporting had moved online. I reported all activity to our school district office as I thought that was the correct process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Juhl Erickson
Chief Financial Officer
Cell: (507) 236-1421
Office: (507) 831-4450



Dear Board,

Thank you for this opportunity to request a waiver from the penalties my campaign accrued, and to apologise for the lateness.

My campaign for House District 33B was a short-lived endeavour put together quickly after new redistricting lines were announced and before our DFL nominating convention in early 2022. Based on the new lines a small group came together to ask me to run for this open seat but it was decided that the campaign would need to move quick. Under the quick timelines I made the poor decision to forgo having a dedicated treasurer for the campaign and took on the workload myself, assuming I was up to the task. Despite the small amounts of money the campaign was dealing with, I did a poor job of learning the MCFB's systems and became stuck and was more concerned that I'd post incorrect reports than simply reach out to your staff to start a reasonable path to close down the campaign. It was only when Ms. Engelhardt on your staff reached out and suggested some steps that I could take to close this out that I realized the resources I needed to do this correctly were there all along. I want to thank Ms. Engelhardt for the time she took to work with me on this.

I understand this waiver would be a courtesy and am prepared to abide by whatever decision is handed down.

I appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

Joe Widmer

Joe Widmer For Minnesota

#18805

Johnson, Greta (CFB)

From: Jed Duncan <jed@rideracademy.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2025 1:47 PM
To: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)
Subject: waiver for Reg No 8458

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Hi Megan,

We are writing to request a waiver for the recently incurred fine for not filing a Lobbyist Principal Report for 2024. We paid zero (\$0.00) dollars to Mr. Phil Stahlboerger for his work on legislation applicable to motorcyclists. We have never worked with a lobbyist prior to 2024 so were not expecting to be required to file. Unfortunately, as a seasonal business that is closed from October to April, the mailed request was never received by us as our office is closed and mail forwarding is not always guaranteed.

We received a phone call regarding this matter, called back the next day and soon after (the next day) had submitted the necessary form. Obviously we were just naive and inexperienced, not malicious.

Thank you,

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Jed Duncan
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From: [Roshn Marwah](#)
To: [Engelhardt, Megan \(CFB\)](#)
Subject: Re: Waiver Reminder
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 2:15:26 PM

Hi Megan,

Thank you for your email and explanation. Please see our request for waiver below.

Dear Minnesota Campaign Finance Board,

We are requesting that any late filing fees in conjunction with Empower's principal report for activities in 2024 be waived. Unfortunately, given this was Empower's first time engaging in lobbying activities in Minnesota, the company was not aware that this report was required to be filed until after the deadline had passed. Once made aware, the required report was filed immediately the hour.

Unfortunately due to typos made by contracted lobbying firms at the time of their filings, the contact information on file for the Company was incorrect. This prevented the Empower team from receiving any communication about the report in the lead up to the deadline. Ultimately, the first notification received by the Empower team was via mail on April 11th, after which the report was promptly filed.

We respectfully ask the Board to consider waiving the fee under these circumstances.

Best,

Roshn Marwah

Chief of Staff, Empower



On Mon, Apr 14, 2025 at 2:40 PM Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)

<megan.engelhardt@state.mn.us> wrote:

Lily and Roshn,

As I discussed with Lily today on the phone, and as the late filing fee letter that was mailed to you on April 11, 2025, states, the Board may waive the late filing fee of \$425 if you make a waiver request. The waiver request can be an email or letter sent to our office requesting the waiver. I would recommend that the waiver request include information as to why the report was filed late and any good cause as to why Empower should not have to pay the late filing fee.

Waiver requests are public, and your waiver request will be in the Board's meeting materials

on the Board's website. The waiver request will also be discussed at the public portion of the Board's meeting. If you can get me the waiver request by April 24, 2025, the waiver can be considered at the Board's May 7, 2025, Board meeting. Thanks!

Megan Engelhardt

Assistant Executive Director

Minnesota State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

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From: Lily Larsen <lilylarsen@rideempower.com>

Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 10:00 AM

To: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB) <megan.engelhardt@state.mn.us>

Subject: Waiver Reminder

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Greetings Ms. Engelhardt,

I am following up on the waiver that Roshn Marwah (roshnmarwah@rideempower.com) was supposed to have received via email last for the lobbyist principal report.

Please send it at your earliest convenience.

Lily Larsen

Community Engagement Associate, Empower



From: [John Reynolds](#)
To: [Engelhardt, Megan \(CFB\)](#)
Subject: late filing fee waiver
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 8:54:32 AM

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April 15, 2025

Dear Ms. Engelhardt,

Dog Lovers 4 Safe Trapping MN would like to request that the April 2, 2025 fees be waved for the causes below. The house that I resided in for 30+ years was sold on September 16, 2024 The remaining contents were moved to 3 separate locations for storage.

After the selling of my house my two senior springer spaniels and I began a road trip to northeastern Maine and then onto Missouri and southwestern Arizona and then back to Arkansas before heading back to Minnesota in order to have my skin cancer removed. The trip with my two dogs and I was accomplished in a Subaru Outback. Sleep was accomplished with me in the driver's seat and the dogs in the passenger seats. As you can imagine, there was no surplus of room.

Getting correspondence was hit or miss with one post office in Arizona refusing to turn over General Delivery mail which is the only mail that is available for someone without an address.

Dog Lovers is a small voluntarily run organization and only had a paid lobbyist for one session and that was in the middle of the covid outbreak. It's likely that we will be giving up our struggle to protect our dogs from reckless but legal trapping methods this year.

Thank you for your time and we urge you to wave the late filing fees.

Sincerely,
John Reynolds
President Dog Lovers 4 Safe Trapping MN
36030 Bonnie Lakes Road
Crosslake MN 56442
218-838-5064

Before Racism - 8080

From: [Bill Svrluga](#)
To: [Engelhardt, Megan \(CFB\)](#)
Cc: [Lor, Ploua \(CFB\)](#)
Subject: Late filing fee for Before Racism
Date: Thursday, May 01, 2025 9:42:47 AM

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To: Megan Engelhard
Assistant Executive Director
Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Thank you for your consideration of forgiving the late filing fee fine for Before Racism. Bottom line, we have no real excuse other than we “dropped the ball”. We are a small "start-up" nonprofit (very small budget), and new to working with a lobbying firm. We did not fully understand our responsibilities to complete this report by the required date. We worked with the Hylden Advocacy and Law firm in 2024 and then decided that we were not fully ready to seek legislative support, so we terminated our legislative efforts in the first quarter of the year. At this point, we thought we were done with political advocacy work and didn't realize we needed to complete a report for our legislative work in 2024 - we were obviously wrong!.

Ms. Ploua Lor did an excellent job of sending us (via mail) several requests. However, the person responsible for checking our mailbox (me) was out of town on business and working remotely for 3 months and we failed to have proper backup to check the mail for that period. Therefore, I didn't see Ms. Lor's letters until my return in mid-April. At that time, I immediately contacted Ms. Lor and completed the needed report. We offer our apologies for this lack of follow-through and will make sure this doesn't happen in the future. Any consideration for forgiving the \$600 fine would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much.
Bill Svrluga
Founder & Director of Program Development

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April 2, 2025

Subject: Request for Waiver of Late Filing Fee – RCI Report

Dear Members of the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board,

I am writing to formally request a waiver of any late filing fees associated with the Campaign Finance Board report for RCI. The report that was filed lists a termination date of December 31, 2024. This reflects my understanding of when my termination with RCI was effective. However, due to an oversight by a former administrative assistant, the necessary paperwork to officially file the termination was not submitted at that time.

I would like to emphasize that during the reporting period in question, I did not engage in any lobbying activities on behalf of RCI, and therefore, there was nothing to report. Given these circumstances, I respectfully request that the Board consider granting a waiver of the late filing fee.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this request. Please let me know if any additional information is required.

Sincerely,
Nichole Ramalingam

Appeal of fine for late Statement of Economic Interest

Dear Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board:

I, Brady Fuglie, a Supervisor of the Clay Soil and Water Conservation District, request that any and all fines levied against me for late filing be dismissed. The reason for late filing is I couldnt get the online form to work. Greta Johnson sent me a paper form that was promptly filled out and sent back to her.

Sincerely,

Brady Fuglie

Supervisor, Clay Soil and Water Conservation District



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CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Date: May 7, 2025

To: Board members
Nathan Hartshorn, counsel

From: Andrew Olson, Legal/Management Analyst

Telephone: 651-539-1190

Re: Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis - Court of Appeals Case No. A25-0632

In September 2024 the Board received a complaint submitted by Troy Scheffler alleging that the Committee to Elect Josh Heintzeman violated the disclaimer requirement with respect to five campaign signs. Within a prima facie determination signed September 12, 2024, the Board's chair determined that the complaint stated a prima facie violation as to a single sign and dismissed the remaining allegations. The Board issued findings regarding the remaining allegation on April 8, 2025.

Mr. Scheffler filed a petition for a writ of certiorari with the Court of Appeals on April 18, 2025, seeking judicial review under Minnesota Statutes section 14.63. The Writ of Certiorari was issued on April 21, 2025. Within a court filing known as a statement of the case, Mr. Scheffler stated:

CFB erroneously dismissed 3 of 4 disclaimer counts ignoring statutory language of "prominent" and instead opining based upon "legible".

...

Statute clearly states "prominent"; not "legible" for displaying a campaign disclaimer. Relator pled adequate requisite facts to sustain the violations. See: *A22-1797 In re the Matter of Troy Kenneth Scheffler (Rosemary Franzen)*, (2023).

Mr. Scheffler also served the Board with the attached motion and affidavit seeking to proceed *in forma pauperis* (IFP) in the Court of Appeals. IFP status affords a litigant the ability to proceed "without payment of fees, costs, and security for costs" they would otherwise be required to pay. Under Minnesota Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure, Rule 109.02, a motion to proceed IFP in the Court of Appeals must be filed with the trial court, and the trial court must rule on the motion. When the decision being appealed was issued by a state agency, the state agency acts as a trial court would and is responsible for ruling on the IFP motion.

IFP status is granted, under Minnesota Statutes section 563.01, subdivision 3, when an "appeal is not of a frivolous nature" and the appeal is brought by an individual who files an affidavit stating they are entitled to redress and are "financially unable to pay the fees, costs and security for costs." Under paragraph (b) of that subdivision, an individual is presumed to qualify if they

are “receiving public assistance described in section 550.37, subdivision 14,” and that statute includes “payment of Medicare part B premiums” within its description of forms of public assistance.

Mr. Scheffler’s core argument appears to be that the Board’s chair erred in dismissing most of the allegations made in his complaint on the basis that all but one of the disclaimers in question were visible, legible, and substantially in the form required by Minnesota Statutes section 211B.04. Mr. Scheffler asserts that the statutory text “prominently include” means something more than visible and legible. Board staff does not believe that Mr. Scheffler’s appeal is frivolous.

Mr. Scheffler’s affidavit includes evidence that he receives public assistance in the form of payment of Medicare Part B premiums. Therefore, he is presumed to qualify for IFP status if the appeal is not of a frivolous nature. Mr. Scheffler was granted IFP status by the Court of Appeals less than a month ago in an unrelated matter.¹ Also, Mr. Scheffler was granted IFP status by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) in November 2024 and January 2023 in two separate matters that were appealed to the Court of Appeals.²

The attached draft order would grant Mr. Scheffler’s motion for IFP status. Also attached are Mr. Scheffler’s statement of the case and petition for a writ of certiorari, and the Writ of Certiorari issued by the Court of Appeals.

Attachments:

IFP motion and affidavit

Scheffler statement of the case

Scheffler petition for a writ of certiorari

Writ of Certiorari

Draft IFP order

¹ Scheffler v. Costco Wholesale Corp., No. A24-0564 (Minn. Ct. App. Apr. 15, 2025).

² Scheffler v. Heintzeman, No. A24-1719 (Minn. Ct. App. Nov. 25, 2024); In re the Matter of Troy Kenneth Scheffler (Rosemary Franzen), No. A22-1797 (Minn. Ct. App. Jan. 9, 2023).

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN COURT OF APPEALS

Troy Kenneth Scheffler
Relator,

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE OF
RELATOR**

vs.

APPELLATE CASE #:

CFB Case Filed: 09/04/2024

Joshua Heintzeman,

Date of Decision: 04/08/2025

Committee to Elect Josh Heintzeman,

and

Campaign Finance and
Public Disclosure Board,
Respondents.

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1. **Agency where case originated:** Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

Name of presiding judge or hearing officer: Chair, Faris Rashid

2. **Jurisdictional statement for a certiorari appeal:** MN Stat: 14.63, 14.64

Authority fixing time limit and date of event triggering appeal time; mailing of final order: MN Stat. 14.63, 14.64

3. **Type of litigation and any statutes at issue:**

Respondent violated Campaign Law Minn. Stat. 211B.04, subd.1 numerous times.

4. **Brief description of issues that were raised before the administrative or agency decision maker, and how the administrative or agency decision maker decided those issues:**

CFB erroneously dismissed 3 of 4 disclaimer counts ignoring statutory language of “prominent” and instead opining based upon “legible”. CFB found Heintzeman violative of one count claiming that disclaimer was not legible.

5. **Short description of issues you are raising in this appeal:**

Statute clearly states "prominent"; not "legible" for displaying a campaign disclaimer. Relator pled adequate requisite facts to sustain the violations. See: A22-1797 *In re the Matter of Troy Kenneth Scheffler (Rosemary Franzen)*, (2023).

6. **Related appeals:**

- a. List any prior or pending appeals arising from the same agency case as this appeal: None
- b. List any pending appeals arising from different agency cases that raise similar issues to this appeal: None known.

7. **Contents of record:**

- a. Is a transcript necessary to review the issues on appeal? Yes.
 - b. If yes, is it a full transcript of the hearing(s) before the administrative decision-maker, or a partial transcript? Full transcript
- c. Has the transcript been ordered from the court reporter? No.
- d. If a transcript is unavailable, is a statement of the proceedings under Minnesota Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure 110.03 necessary? No.
- e. In lieu of the record as defined in Minnesota Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure 110.01, have the parties agreed to prepare a statement of the record pursuant to Minnesota Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure 110.04? No.

8. **Oral argument:**


- a. If you have an attorney, is oral argument requested? No.
- b. N/A

9. **Type of Brief to be filed:**

Informal Brief under Rule 128.01, subd. 1.

10. **Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of relator and respondents:**

Relator:


Troy Kenneth Scheffler
26359 Shandy Trl, Merrifield, MN 56465

04/18/2025

troyscheffler@gmail.com
763-225-7702

Respondent's Attorney:
Rondell Reid LeBeau II (MN#347504)
525 Park St. Ste #255, St. Paul, MN 55103
rlebeau@chalmersadams.com
651-397-0089

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN COURT OF APPEALS

Troy Kenneth Scheffler,
Relator,

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

vs.

CFB CASE FILED (No case #): 09/04/2024
DATE OF DECISION: 04/08/2025

Joshua Heintzeman,

Committee to Elect
Josh Heintzeman,

and

Campaign Finance and
Public Disclosure Board,
Respondents.

TO: The Court of Appeals of the State of Minnesota:

Troy Scheffler hereby petitions the Court of Appeals for a Writ of Certiorari pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 14.63, § 14.64 to review a decision of the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board issued on the date noted above, upon the grounds that:

In its Prima Facie Determination on 09/13/2024, The Board erroneously dismissed three (3) of four (4) counts regarding violation of Minn. Stat. § 211B.04. It's final order finding violation of one count was made on 04/08/2025.

"IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF TROY SCHEFFLER
REGARDING THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT JOSH HEINTZEMAN"



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04/18/2025

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN COURT OF APPEALS

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WRIT OF CERTIORARI

vs.

APPELLATE CASE #:

Joshua Heintzeman

CFB CASE FILED: 09/04/2024

Committee to Elect
Josh Heintzeman,

DATE OF DECISION: 04/08/2025

and

Campaign Finance and
Public Disclosure Board,
Respondents.

TO: Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board:

You are hereby ordered to return to the Court of Appeals and serve on all parties in accordance with rule 115.04, subdivision 3, within 30 days after service of the petition or 14 days after delivery of a transcript, whichever is later, an itemized statement of the record, exhibits, and proceedings in the above-entitled matter so that this court may review the decision issued on the date noted above.

You are further directed to retain the actual record, exhibits, and transcript of proceedings (if any) until requested by the Clerk of the Appellate Courts to deliver them in accordance with rule 115.04, subdivision 5.

Copies of this writ and accompanying petition shall be served forthwith either personally or by mail upon the respondent(s) or its attorney at:

Attorney for Respondents Joshua Heintzeman and Committee to Elect Josh Heintzeman, Rondell Reid LeBeau II (MN#347504) 525 Park St. Ste #255, St. Paul, MN 55103

Proof of service of the writ and of the itemized statement shall be filed with the clerk of the appellate courts.

DATED: April 21, 2025

Clerk of the Appellate Courts

By: Janet C.
Assistant Clerk

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

**ORDER ON MOTION TO
PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF TROY SCHEFFLER REGARDING THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT
JOSH HEINTZEMAN

The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board issued its Findings, Conclusions, and Order in this matter on April 8, 2025. The complainant, Troy Scheffler, filed a petition for a writ of certiorari with the Court of Appeals on April 18, 2025, seeking judicial review under Minnesota Statutes section 14.63. On April 18, 2025, Mr. Scheffler mailed his Motion and Affidavit for Proceeding In Forma Pauperis in the Court of Appeals to the Board by certified mail, along with his Statement of the Case.

The affidavit states that Mr. Scheffler is receiving public assistance, consisting of “Medicare Part B reimbursement”. The affidavit includes a document indicating that Mr. Scheffler received a \$185 reimbursement on April 11, 2025, from Crow Wing County Community Services, related to Medicare Part B. In 2025 the standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B insurance is \$185.¹ Minnesota Statutes section 563.01, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), provides that if an “appeal is not of a frivolous nature,” an individual seeking to proceed *in forma pauperis* is generally presumed to qualify if they receive “public assistance described in section 550.37, subdivision 14. . . .” Minnesota Statutes section 550.37, subdivision 14, provides that “government assistance based on need includes but is not limited to . . . payment of Medicare part B premiums. . . .”

The Statement of the Case indicates that Mr. Scheffler is appealing the Findings, Conclusions, and Order issued by the Board in this matter on April 8, 2025. The Statement of the Case asserts that the Board “dismissed 3 of 4 disclaimer counts ignoring statutory language of ‘prominent’ and instead opining based upon ‘legible’.” The Statement of the Case asserts that the respondent, the Committee to Elect Josh Heintzeman, violated Minnesota Statutes section 211B.04, subdivision 1, numerous times.

¹ cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2025-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles

Based on the above background and the record in this matter, the Board makes the following:

Findings of Fact

1. On September 4, 2024, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board received a complaint filed by Troy Scheffler regarding Representative Joshua Heintzeman, a candidate for Minnesota House of Representatives District 6B. The Committee to Elect Josh Heintzeman is the principal campaign committee of Representative Heintzeman. The complaint alleged violations of the disclaimer requirement for campaign material under Minnesota Statutes section 211B.04, subdivision 1, and included exhibits consisting of photographs of five campaign signs.
2. On September 12, 2024, the Board's chair determined that the complaint stated a prima facie violation of the disclaimer requirement as to one of the five signs depicted in the complaint, and determined that the complaint did not state a prima facie violation of the disclaimer requirement as to the other four signs depicted in the complaint.
3. On January 13, 2025, the Board determined that there was probable cause to believe that the Heintzeman committee violated the disclaimer requirement with respect to one campaign sign.
4. On April 8, 2025, the Board determined that the Heintzeman committee violated the disclaimer requirement with respect to one campaign sign.
5. On April 18, 2025, Mr. Scheffler filed his Motion and Affidavit for Proceeding In Forma Pauperis in the Court of Appeals, along with his Statement of the Case. The affidavit indicates that Mr. Scheffler receives public assistance in the form of payment of Medicare Part B premiums. The Statement of the Case describes the appeal as challenging the dismissal of violations alleged in Mr. Scheffler's complaint regarding the Heintzeman committee.

Based on the above findings of fact, the Board makes the following:

Conclusions of Law

1. Based on the Statement of the Case, the issues raised in this appeal are not frivolous.
2. Mr. Scheffler meets the criteria for proceeding *in forma pauperis*.

Based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Board issues the following:

Order

1. The Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis is granted.

Faris Rashid, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Date: _____



MINNESOTA

CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Date: May 7, 2025

To: Board members

From: Megan Engelhardt, Assistant Executive Director **Telephone:** 651-539-1182

Re: Prima Facie Determinations

Complaints filed with the Board are subject to a prima facie determination which are made by the Board chair in consultation with staff. If the Board chair determines that the complaint states a violation of Chapter 10A or the provisions of Chapter 211B under the Board's jurisdiction, the complaint moves forward to a probable cause determination by the full Board.

If the determination finds that the complaint does not state a prima facie violation, the prima facie determination must dismiss the complaint without prejudice. When a complaint is dismissed, the complaint and the prima facie determination become public data. The following complaints were dismissed by Chair Rashid and the prima facie determinations are provided here as an informational item to Board members. No further Board action is required.

Senator Nicole Mitchell

On April 17, 2025, the Board received a complaint submitted by Senator Steve Drazkowski regarding Senator Nicole Mitchell. The complaint alleged that Senator Mitchell violated Minnesota Statutes section 10A.07, which governs conflicts of interest. The complaint stated that on January 27, 2025, the Minnesota Senate considered a motion by Senator Jordan Rasmusson to expel Senator Mitchell from the Senate. The complaint says that the Senate President, Senator Bobby Joe Champion, ruled that the motion was out of order. The complaint states that Senator Rasmusson appealed the President's ruling and requested a roll-call vote, then the Senate upheld the ruling of the President by a vote of 33-33.

Senator Mitchell was a member of the Senate on January 27, 2025. The complaint asserted that Senator Mitchell cast a vote in the Senate regarding her expulsion, and alleged that her expulsion would have substantially affected her financial interests. However, the term "financial interest" is defined to be limited to "ownership or control in an asset that has the potential to produce a monetary return" and the word asset does not encompass a legislator's employment relationship with their house of the legislature. Therefore, the chair determined that the complaint did not state a prima facie violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.07.

Heintzeman (Keri) for Senate

On April 24, 2025, the Board received a complaint from Richard Carlbom regarding the Heintzeman for Senate committee. The complaint alleged that the Heintzeman committee violated the individual contribution limit under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1. The complaint included a copy of the Heintzeman committee's pre-special election report of receipts and expenditures that was filed with the Board on April 22, 2025. The report shows that nine individuals contributed \$1,000 during the period of March 22 through March 24, 2025, and then contributed an additional \$1,000 during the period from March 26 through March 30, 2025. The individual contribution limit for a candidate for state senator is \$1,000.

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivision 16, provides that the term "'election cycle' for a special election means the period from the date the special election writ is issued to 15 days after the special election is held." Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 16c, provides that "Contribution limits apply independently for election segments, nonelection segments, and special election cycles." As a result, a Senate District 6 special election candidate and their campaign committee may accept contributions totaling up to \$1,000 from an individual during the special election cycle, and may accept contributions totaling up to \$1,000 from the same individual during the 2025-2026 regular election segment.

With respect to each of the nine contributors identified in the complaint, the Heintzeman committee reportedly received their first \$1,000 contribution prior to March 25, the start of the special election cycle, and received their second \$1,000 contribution after March 25, 2025, the day the writ of special election was issued. According to the complaint and the Heintzeman committee's pre-special election report, those contributors each gave the maximum amount of \$1,000 during two separate election segments. Therefore, the chair determined that the complaint did not state a prima facie violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1.

Attachments:

Mitchell complaint

Mitchell prima facie determination

Heintzeman complaint

Heintzeman prima facie determination



MINNESOTA

CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

All information on this form is confidential until a decision is issued by the Board.
A photocopy of the entire complaint, however, will be sent to the respondent.

Information about complaint filer

Name of complaint filer	Senator Steve Drazkowski		
Address	95 University Ave. W.	Email address	sen.steve.drazkowski@mnsenate.gov
City, state, and zip	Saint Paul, MN 55155	Telephone (Daytime)	651-564-0638

Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about	Senator Nicole Mitchell
Address	95 University Ave. W.
City, state, zip	Saint Paul, MN 55155
Title of respondent (If applicable)	State Senator
Board/Department/Agency/District # (If legislator)	District 47

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Signature of person filing complaint

Date

Send completed form to:

Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board
190 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

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Give the statutory cite to the section of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, or Minnesota Rules you believe has been violated:

10A.07

You will find links to the complete text of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, and Minnesota Rules chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at cfb.mn.gov.

Nature of complaint

Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated the campaign finance and public disclosure laws. Attach extra sheet(s) of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, photographs, or other evidence needed to support your allegations. Electronic files may be provided to the Board by email or via a file transfer service.

See attached pages

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 4525 describe the procedures required for investigating complaints. A full description of the complaint process is available on the Board's website. Briefly, the Board will notify you when it has received your complaint. The Board must send a copy of the complaint to the respondent. Complaints and investigations are confidential. Board members and staff cannot talk about an investigation except as required to carry out the investigation or to take action in the matter. After the Board issues a decision, the record of the investigation is public.

The law requires a complaint to go through two stages before the Board can begin an investigation: a prima facie determination and a probable cause decision. If the complaint does not pass one of the stages, it must be dismissed. The Board chair or their designee has 10 business days after receiving your complaint to determine whether the complaint alleges a prima facie violation. If the complaint alleges a prima facie violation, the Board has 60 days to decide whether probable cause exists to believe a violation that warrants a formal investigation has occurred. Both you and the respondent have the right to be heard on the issue of probable cause before the Board makes this decision. The Board will notify you if the complaint moves to the probable cause stage.

If the Board determines that probable cause does not exist, the Board will dismiss the complaint. If the Board determines that probable cause exists, the Board may start an investigation. In some cases the Board will issue findings, conclusions, and an order as its decision. In other cases the Board will instead enter into a conciliation agreement with the respondent. The Board's final decision will be posted on the Board's website.

On January 27th, 2025, the Minnesota Senate considered a motion from Senator Jordan Rasmusson to expel Senator Nicole Mitchell. The presiding officer, Senator Bobby Joe Champion, ruled the motion out of order. Senator Rasmusson then appealed the President's ruling and requested a roll-call vote. The motion failed 33-33. Senator Mitchell cast the tie-breaking vote to uphold the ruling of the President, a vote which dismissed the threat to her elected position and every benefit that it brings by preventing the full body from considering her continued membership in the legislature.

In voting to support that ruling, she was voting in her own personal, financial interest, which was to remain a member of the Senate, and therefore continue to receive salary and benefits all senators receive. She did not recuse herself under Senate Rule 56.4, which states, "Members of the Senate must disclose potential conflicts of interest in the discharge of senatorial duties as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.07."

The Minnesota Senate is governed not only by statute but also by its own rules, which are enforced through the body's Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct. On March 13, 2025, the Senate Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct convened and discussed the conflict-of-interest charge against Senator Mitchell. The committee was unable to reach a majority conclusion as to whether Senator Mitchell's vote represented a violation of Senate Rules.

While the Senate has jurisdiction over its own rules, Minnesota Statute 10A.07 stands independent of the Senate Rules, and is firmly within the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to enforce. The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board is charged with overseeing financial disclosures for state officials as well as campaign finance documents for candidates across the state and has authority under Minnesota Statute 10A.022 to enforce violations of Minnesota Statute Chapter 10A.

In compliance with Minnesota statutes, Senator Mitchell has filed a Statement of Economic Interest Statement outlining her sources of income. Senator Mitchell reports her only sources of income as of January 22, 2025, as the "MN State Senate" and the "National Guard." She lists no business ownership, independent contracting income, real property, honoraria, government agency interests, or pari-mutuel horse racing interests. She reports one security, a technology startup called "Chat Lingual." Given this report, it seems likely that her Senate income, along with benefits, is a substantial part of her income and thus a significant financial interest. Being expelled from the Senate would dramatically impact her financial situation.

Senator Mitchell did not recuse herself from this vote and failed to disclose the conflict of interest in the prescribed manner. I am requesting the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board review the vote pursuant to its authority under Minnesota Statute

Chapter 10A.022 and determine whether Senator Mitchell's vote on her own disciplinary proceedings was consistent with conflict of interest laws found in 10A.07.

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

**PRIMA FACIE
DETERMINATION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF SENATOR STEVE DRAZKOWSKI REGARDING SENATOR NICOLE MITCHELL

On April 17, 2025, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board received a complaint submitted by Senator Steve Drazkowski regarding Senator Nicole Mitchell. The complaint alleges that Senator Mitchell violated Minnesota Statutes section 10A.07, which governs conflicts of interest.

The complaint states that on January 27, 2025, the Minnesota Senate considered a motion by Senator Jordan Rasmusson to expel Senator Mitchell from the Senate. The complaint says that the Senate President, Senator Bobby Joe Champion, ruled that the motion was out of order. The complaint states that Senator Rasmusson appealed the President's ruling and requested a roll-call vote, then the Senate upheld the ruling of the President by a vote of 33-33.¹ The complaint asserts that:

Senator Mitchell cast the tie-breaking vote to uphold the ruling of the President, a vote which dismissed the threat to her elected position and every benefit that it brings by preventing the full body from considering her continued membership in the legislature.

In voting to support that ruling, she was voting in her own personal, financial interest, which was to remain a member of the Senate, and therefore continue to receive salary and benefits all senators receive. She did not recuse herself under Senate Rule 56.4, which states, "Members of the Senate must disclose potential conflicts of interest in the discharge of senatorial duties as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.07."

The complaint refers to a statement of economic interest that Senator Mitchell filed with the Board,² and asserts that:

Given this report, it seems likely that her Senate income, along with benefits, is a substantial part of her income and thus a significant financial interest. Being expelled from the Senate would dramatically impact her financial situation.

Senator Mitchell did not recuse herself from this vote and failed to disclose the conflict of interest in the prescribed manner.

¹ The January 27, 2025, Journal of the Senate is available at senate.mn/journals//2025-2026/2025012700.pdf.

² Information from Senator Mitchell's most recent statement of economic interest is available at cfb.mn.gov/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/official/14749.

Board records reflect that Senator Mitchell has not filed a statement with the Board describing a potential conflict of interest involving the vote described in the complaint, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.07, subdivision 2, paragraph (d).

Determination

The term “public official” is defined by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivision 35, to include a member of the legislature. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.07, subdivision 1, provides as follows:

(a) A public official or a local official elected to or appointed by a metropolitan governmental unit who in the discharge of official duties would be required to take an action or make a decision that would substantially affect the official's financial interests or those of an associated business, unless the effect on the official is no greater than on other members of the official's business classification, profession, or occupation, must take the following actions:

(1) prepare a written statement describing the matter requiring action or decision and the nature of the potential conflict of interest;

(2) deliver copies of the statement to the official's immediate superior, if any; and

(3) if a member of the legislature or of the governing body of a metropolitan governmental unit, deliver a copy of the statement to the presiding officer of the body of service.

If a potential conflict of interest presents itself and there is insufficient time to comply with clauses (1) to (3), the public or local official must orally inform the superior or the official body of service or committee of the body of the potential conflict.

(b) For purposes of this section, “financial interest” means any ownership or control in an asset that has the potential to produce a monetary return.

The definition of the term “financial interest” was added to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.07 in 2018.³ Prior to that definition being codified in statute, the term “financial interest” was defined by Minnesota Rules 4515.0100, subpart 5, to mean “any ownership or control in an asset which has the potential to produce a monetary return.”⁴ The word asset is used elsewhere within Minnesota Statutes Chapter 10A to refer to securities owned by a trust, Minn. Stat. § 10A.01, subd. 35a; to “liquid assets” held by an entity filing a campaign finance report, Minn. Stat. § 10A.20, subd. 3 (b); to credit balances, prepaid postage, and “physical assets” held by an entity that files campaign finance reports, Minn. Stat. § 10A.243, subd. 2; and to money and other contributions received by a political fund, Minn. Stat. § 10A.245, subd. 2. Black’s Law

³ 2018 Minn. Laws ch. 119, § 11.

⁴ See Minn. R. 4515.0100, subp. 5 (2002).

Dictionary defines the word asset to mean “An item that is owned and has value” such as “cash, inventory, equipment, real estate, accounts receivable, and goodwill.”⁵

In 2012, the Board concluded “that a governmental entity, including a municipality, is not a business and, thus, is never an ‘associated business’” as defined by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivision 5.⁶ Therefore, Senator Mitchell could be required to disclose a potential conflict of interest under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.07, arising from her employment as a state senator, only if that employment is an asset that she personally owns or controls.

When interpreting Minnesota statutes, “words and phrases are construed according to rules of grammar and according to their common and approved usage; but technical words and phrases and such others as have acquired a special meaning . . . are construed according to such special meaning”. Minn. Stat. § 645.08. The word asset is not commonly understood to mean an individual’s employment, and that is particularly true when the employment relationship is not governed by a contract that entitles the individual to continued employment. The statutory definition of “financial interest” limiting that term to assets with “the potential to produce a monetary return” indicates that the word asset was intended by the legislature to refer to investments or items that may appreciate in value, rather than employment relationships.

Senator Mitchell was a member of the Senate on January 27, 2025. The complaint asserts that Senator Mitchell cast a vote in the Senate regarding her expulsion, and alleges that her expulsion would have substantially affected her financial interests. However, the term “financial interest” is defined to be limited to “ownership or control in an asset that has the potential to produce a monetary return” and the word asset does not encompass a legislator’s employment relationship with their house of the legislature. Therefore, the complaint does not state a prima facie violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.07.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, this prima facie determination is made by the Board chair and not by any vote of the entire Board. The complaint is dismissed without prejudice.

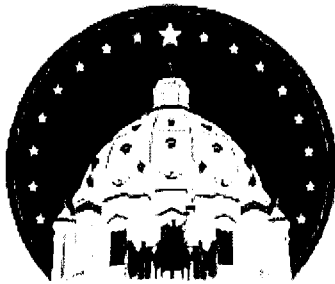


Faris Rashid, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Date: April 30, 2025

⁵ Asset, Black's Law Dictionary (12th ed. 2024).

⁶ [Advisory Opinion 431 \(Nov. 7, 2012\)](#).



MINNESOTA

CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

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Information about complaint filer

Name of complaint filer	Richard Carlbom		
Address	255 East Plato Boulevard	Email address	rcarlbom@dfi.org
City, state, and zip	St. Paul, MN 55107	Telephone (Daytime)	651-293-1200

Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about	Keri Heintzeman; Heintzeman (Keri) for Senate
Address	31840 Lakeway Drive NE
City, state, zip	Cambridge, MN 55008
Title of respondent (If applicable)	
Board/Department/Agency/District # (If legislator)	Candidate for Senate District 6

Signature of person filing complaint

April 23, 2025

Date

Send completed form to:

Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board
190 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

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Minn. Stat. § 10A.27, subd. 1(a)(4) provides that a candidate for state senator must not accept contributions of in excess of \$1,000 from any individual, political committee, political fund, or association not registered with the board in the election segment of an election cycle.

Notwithstanding this clear prohibition, Keri Heintzeman, the Republican candidate in the April 29, 2025 special election for Senate District 6 accepted contributions totaling \$2,000, double the limit, from nine separate individuals. These excess contributions account for \$9,000 of the \$60,503.80 contributions included in Heintzeman's April 22, 2025 campaign finance report; that is to say, nearly 15% of the reported contributions were illegal.

The excess contributions are highlighted in the attached copy of Heintzeman's report and are summarized in the following table.

Contributor	Contributions		Total
Nita Gross	\$1,000 (3/24/25)	\$1,000 (3/28/25)	\$2,000
Robert Gross	\$1,000 (3/24/25)	\$1,000 (3/28/25)	\$2,000
Steve Grosser	\$1,000 (3/24/25)	\$1,000 (3/26/25)	\$2,000
Justina Higgins	\$1,000 (3/24/25)	\$1,000 (3/28/25)	\$2,000
Michael Higgins	\$1,000 (3/24/25)	\$1,000 (3/28/25)	\$2,000
Brian Nystrom	\$1,000 (3/24/25)	\$1,000 (3/30/25)	\$2,000
Greta Nystrom	\$1,000 (3/22/25)	\$1,000 (3/30/25)	\$2,000
Mary Ann Nystrom	\$1,000 (3/24/25)	\$1,000 (3/30/25)	\$2,000
Peter Nystrom	\$1,000 (3/22/25)	\$1,000 (3/30/25)	\$2,000

This is a clear and unambiguous violation of Minnesota campaign finance law.

Report of Receipts and Expenditures for
Principal Campaign Committee
Special Election: Senator District 6

Period Covered: 01/01/2025 through 04/15/2025

Committee Information

Registration Number: 19205
Committee Name: Heintzeman (Keri) for Senate
Candidate Name: Heintzeman, Keri
Office and District: Senator District 6
Treasurer Name: Johnson, Diane
Treasurer Address: 31840 Lakeway Dr NE Cambridge, MN 55008

Report Options

- ☐ **No Change Since Last Report** The committee received no contributions and made no expenditures during the report period.
Previous Cash Balance:
Current Cash Balance:
- ☐ **Amendment** This report amends a previously filed report for the same period.
- ☐ **Termination** The committee has settled all its debts, disposed of all its assets in excess of \$100 and dissolved.

Received by the Board April 22, 2025

Committee Transaction Summary
Heintzeman, Keri Senator District 6 Committee

1 Beginning cash balance 01/01/2025 (should be the same as the previous year ending cash balance) 0.00

A	Receipts		Cash	Blank	In-kind	Total
2	Individual Contributions	Sch. A1 - IND	48,424.80		0.00	48,424.80
3	Lobbyist Contributions	Sch. A1 - LOB	8,474.00		0.00	8,474.00
4	Political committee and political fund contributions	Sch. A1 - PCF	1,600.00		0.00	1,600.00
5	Political party and terminating principal campaign committee contributions	Sch. A1 - PTY/ TERM PCC	2,000.00		0.00	2,000.00
6	Other contributions	Sch. A1 - OTH	0.00		0.00	0.00
7	Public Subsidy Payment	Sch. A1 - PS	0.00			0.00
8	Receipts from loans payable	Sch. A2 - LP	1,000.00			1,000.00
9	Receipts from miscellaneous receipts	Sch. A2 - MISC	5.00			5.00
10	Total Receipts	Sum #2 to #9	61,503.80		0.00	61,503.80
B	Disbursements		Cash	Unpaid Bills	In-kind	Total
11	Campaign expenditures	Sch. B1 - CE	48,406.59	0.00	0.00	48,406.59
12	State ballot question expenditures (Not local referendums)	Sch. B1 - BQ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	Total Campaign Expenditures	Sum #11 to #12	48,406.59	0.00	0.00	48,406.59
14	Noncampaign disbursements	Sch. B1 - NCD	1,596.29	0.00	0.00	1,596.29
15	Contributions to other principal campaign committees	Sch. B2 - PCC	0.00		0.00	0.00
16	Contributions to political parties	Sch. B2 - PTY	80.00		0.00	80.00
17	Contributions to political committees and political funds	Sch. B2 - PCF	0.00		0.00	0.00
18	Other disbursements	Sch. B3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	Total Expenditures and Disbursements	Sum #13 to #18	50,082.88	0.00	0.00	50,082.88
20	#1 + #10 - #19	Ending cash balance on 04/15/2025	11,420.92			

Loans and Unpaid Obligations Summary

21A	Total Outstanding balance of all loans incurred during the current year	Sch. A2-LP	1,000.00
21B	Total outstanding balance of all loans incurred during any year prior to the reporting year	Sch. C	0.00
21C	Total Outstanding balance of all loans	Sum #21A + #21B	1,000.00
22A	Total unpaid obligations incurred during the current year	Line 19	0.00
22B	Total unpaid obligations incurred during any year prior to the reporting year	Sch. D	0.00
22C	Total unpaid obligations	Sum #22A + #22B	0.00
23	Total debt of committee	Sum #21C + #22C	1,000.00

Certification

I certify that this report is complete, true, and correct.

Johnson, Diane (Treasurer)

Signature of Candidate, Treasurer, or Deputy Treasurer

April 22, 2025

Date

Certified Electronically by Valid Person

Any person who signs and certifies to be true a report or statement which the person knows contains false information, or who knowingly omits required information, is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the Board of up to \$3,000 and is subject to criminal prosecution for a gross misdemeanor.

Schedule A1 - IND Contributions from Individuals

Heintzeman, Keri Senator District 6 Committee

Baker, Mary
4490 15th St NE Willmar, MN 56201
Employment: Hospitality

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/13/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Byce, Neil
14948 47th St NE St. Michael, MN 55376
Employment: Nordic Metals

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/31/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Cummins, Michael
7727 Sod Rd Brook Park, MN 55007
Employment: Real Estate & Construction

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/21/2025	300.00	0.00	300.00

Daudt, Kurt
33361 Cobalt Cir NW Cambridge, MN 55008
Employment: Stateside

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/26/2025	500.00	0.00	500.00

Doherty, Timothy
7625 Parklawn Ave Minneapolis, MN 55435
Employment: Doherty

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/31/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Elliott, Mark
2030 Harding Ct SW Bemidji, MN 56601
Employment: CPA

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/29/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Fenton, Kelly
11333 Sundance Way Woodbury, MN 55129
Employment: Retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/23/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

FitzSimmons, David
11032 Guildner Ave NW Maple Lake, MN 55358
Employment: US Congress

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/04/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Gross, Nita
10568 Pine Song Dr SW Nisswa, MN 56468
Employment: Retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/24/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
03/28/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00

Gross, Robert
10568 Pine Song Dr SW Nisswa, MN 56468
Employment: Retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/24/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
03/28/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00

Grosser, Steve
9843 Pioneer Trl Loretto, MN 55357
Employment: Mid Continent Media Inc

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/24/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
03/26/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00

Hanson, Cindy
3708 Highcroft Ct Minnetonka, MN 55345
Employment: Retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/26/2025	500.00	0.00	500.00

Hanson, Samuel
3708 Highcroft Ct Minnetonka, MN 55345
Employment: Retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/26/2025	500.00	0.00	500.00

Heintzeman, Keri
10180 Tenonizer Trl Nisswa, MN 56468
Employment: Property Manager

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/20/2025	75.00	0.00	75.00

Higgins, Justina
1511 Northern Pacific Rd Brainerd, MN 56401
Employment: Northern Pacific Center

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/24/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
03/28/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00

Higgins, Michael
1511 Northern Pacific Rd Brainerd, MN 56401
Employment: Brainerd Industrial Center

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/24/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
03/28/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00

Jensen, Scott
9375 Pierson Lake Dr Chaska, MN 55318
Employment: IHealth

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/26/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Jerulle, Tony
24901 Lago Dr Grand Rapids, MN 55744
Employment: Sammy's Pizza

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/03/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Landsburg, Marie
2472 Maple Dr SW Nisswa, MN 56468
Employment: Retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/03/2025	500.00	0.00	500.00

Liedl, Mark
PO Box 545 Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
Employment: Retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/01/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Lueck, Dale
37489 295th St Aitkin, MN 56431
Employment: Farmer

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/25/2025	500.00	0.00	500.00

Lutter, Kathleen
13212 Hwy 18 Brainerd, MN 56401
Employment: Retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/30/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Matteson, Del
24399 Great Sunset Rd Cohasset, MN 55721
Employment: LM Supply

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/03/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

McGowan, Michael
7205 Fleetwood Dr Edina, MN 55439
Employment: Freeway Transfer

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/09/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

McGowan, Richard
315 7th Ave N #518 Minneapolis, MN 55401
Employment: Consultant

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/09/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Merickel, Laura
423 Thumper Lodge Rd Ottertail, MN 56571
Employment: Consultant

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/24/2025	500.00	0.00	500.00

Miller, Darin
260 Ikola Rd Esko, MN 55733
Employment: Glory Shine

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/25/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Miller, Jodi
260 Ikola Rd Esko, MN 55733
Employment: Glory Shine

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/25/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Nystrom, Brian
4075 149th Ave NW Andover, MN 55304
Employment: Retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/24/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
03/30/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00

Nystrom, Greta
3082 Willow Dr Hamel, MN 55340
Employment: Retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/22/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
03/30/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00

Nystrom, Mary Ann
4075 149th Ave NW Andover, MN 55304
Employment: Retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/24/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
03/30/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00

Nystrom, Peter
3082 Willow Dr Hamel, MN 55340
Employment: Retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/22/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
03/30/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00

Orvis, Joy
2010 151st Ave NW Andover, MN 55304
Employment: State of MN

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/22/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Palmer, Darrel
22752 Serenity Lane Nisswa, MN 56468
Employment: Energy Management Resources

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/23/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00
03/26/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00
Total	500.00	0.00	500.00

Porwall, Cy
1018 Walnut St Brainerd, MN 56401
Employment: Retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/31/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Schmidgall, Neil
46968 206th St Morris, MN 56267
Employment: Retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/01/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Schwendeman, Chad
11279 Birch Island Rd Brainerd, MN 56401
Employment: Realtor

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/06/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Seidel, Adam
9075 Gould Rd Eden Prairie, MN 55347
Employment: McKinstry

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/24/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Stevenson, Carol
1052 Oak Terrace Dr North Mankato, MN 56003
Employment: SMR Management Inc.

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/12/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Tiedeman, Angel
3038 Aspen Lake Dr NE Blaine, MN
Employment: Consultant

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/31/2025	500.00	0.00	500.00

Tormondsen, John
22 Sea Beach Dr Stamford, CT 06902
Employment: Retired

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/29/2025	500.00	0.00	500.00

Vanwyngaereen, Grant
2156 Norway Pine Rd Brainerd, MN 56401
Employment: CW Companies

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/31/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Wasson, Ann
8959 Garland Ct Eden Prairie, MN 55347
Employment: Homemaker

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/09/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Wikstrom, Paul
200 Bridge St Shoreview, MN 55126
Employment: RTX Inc/Collins Aerospace

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/28/2025	500.00	0.00	500.00

	Cash	In kind	Total
Total of itemized	34,375.00	0.00	34,375.00
Total of non-itemized	14,049.80	0.00	14,049.80
	Cash	In kind	Total
Totals	48,424.80	0.00	48,424.80

Schedule A1 - LOB Contributions from Lobbyists

Heintzeman, Keri Senator District 6 Committee

Lobbyist: Anderson, Chas (Registered Id: 3337)

Park Street Public 525 Park St Ste 210 St Paul, MN 55103

Employment: Park Street Public

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/31/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Lobbyist: Anderson, Jeffery D (Registered Id: 4514)

600 E Superior St #405 Duluth, MN 55802

Employment: Costin Group

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/25/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00
04/01/2025	100.00	0.00	100.00
Total	350.00	0.00	350.00

Lobbyist: Bagnoli, Joseph T (Registered Id: 218)

Winthrop & Weinstine PA 225 S 6th St Ste 3500 Minneapolis, MN 55402

Employment: Winthrop & Weinstine PA

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/07/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Lobbyist: Carlson, Joel (Registered Id: 8692)

6 W 5th St Ste 700 St Paul, MN 55102

Employment: Lobbyist

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/29/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Lobbyist: Cerkenik, Gary E (Registered Id: 9166)

7226 Sand Lake Rd Britt, MN 55710

Employment: Lobbyist

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/31/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Lobbyist: Einess, Ward (Registered Id: 580)

Ward Einess Strategies LLC 525 N 3rd St #513 Minneapolis, MN 55401

Employment: Lobbyist

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/28/2025	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

Lobbyist: Golnik, Ben (Registered Id: 4523)

Golnik Strategies LLC 1192 Portland Ave St Paul, MN 55104

Employment: Golnik Strategies LLC

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/14/2025	500.00	0.00	500.00

Lobbyist: Goodno, Kevin P (Registered Id: 1786)

525 Park Street Suite 350 Minneapolis, MN 55402

Employment: Lobbyist

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/01/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Lobbyist: Hill, Todd A (Registered Id: 88)

Hill Capitol Strategies, Inc. 13570 Grove Dr Ste 281 Maple Grove, MN 55311

Employment: Hill Capitol Strategies, Inc.

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/01/2025	500.00	0.00	500.00

Lobbyist: Kwilas, Anthony R (Registered Id: 199)
11688 Ivywood Trl Woodbury, MN 55129
Employment: Lobbyist

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/28/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00
04/01/2025	150.00	0.00	150.00
Total	400.00	0.00	400.00

Lobbyist: McAlpin, Brennan C (Registered Id: 1603)
78 10th St E #508 St Paul, MN 55101
Employment: Lobbyist

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/31/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

Lobbyist: Rowen, Robyn (Registered Id: 638)
Robyn Rowen & Assoc 19035 Lake Ave Deephaven, MN 55391
Employment: Lobbyist

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/26/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

	Cash	In kind	Total
Total of itemized	5,250.00	0.00	5,250.00
Total of non-itemized	3,224.00	0.00	3,224.00
Totals	8,474.00	0.00	8,474.00

Schedule A1 - PCF Contributions from Political Committees and Political Funds

Heintzeman, Keri Senator District 6 Committee

CAR, Committee of Automotive Retailers (Registered Id: 40038)

200 Lothenbach Ave St Paul, MN 55118

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/01/2025	300.00	0.00	300.00

Insurance Federation Political Action Comm (Registered Id: 70014)

3500 American Blvd W Ste 700 Bloomington, MN 55431

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/01/2025	400.00	0.00	400.00

Lignite Energy Council Political Fund (Registered Id: 30710)

1016 E Owens Ave Bismarck, ND 58501

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/14/2025	300.00	0.00	300.00

Winthrop & Weinstine PA Political Fund (Registered Id: 30345)

225 S 6th St Ste 3500 Minneapolis, MN 55402

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
04/08/2025	250.00	0.00	250.00

	Cash	In kind	Total
Total of itemized	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00
Total of non-itemized	350.00	0.00	350.00
	Cash	In kind	Total
Totals	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00

Schedule A1 - PTY/TERM PCC Contributions from
Political Party Units and Terminating Candidate Committees
Heintzeman, Keri Senator District 6 Committee

Daniels, Brian T House Committee (Registered Id: 17717)
1415 Brentwood Cir Faribault, MN 55021

Date	Cash	In kind	Total
03/28/2025	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
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	Cash	In kind	Total
Total of itemized	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Total of non-itemized	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	Cash	In kind	Total
Totals	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00

Schedule A2 - LP Receipts from Loans incurred in Current Year

Heintzeman, Keri Senator District 6 Committee

Lender: Heintzeman, Keri
 10180 Tenonizer Trl Nisswa, MN 56468
 Employment: Property Manager

Date	Original Loan Amount	Outstanding Balance
03/21/2025	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Original Loan Amount	Outstanding Balance
Total of itemized	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total of non-itemized	0.00	0.00
	Original Loan Amount	Outstanding Balance
Totals	1,000.00	1,000.00

Schedule A2 - MISC Receipts from Miscellaneous Income
Heintzeman, Keri Senator District 6 Committee

Total of itemized	Total
Total of non-itemized	0.00
	5.00
Totals	Total
	5.00

Schedule B1 - CE Campaign Expenditures

Heintzeman, Keri Senator District 6 Committee

Advantage Direct Communications Inc

9420 Bonita Beach Rd SE Ste 200 Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
03/26/2025	Subscriptions: Subscription	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00

Crombie Marketing LLC

612 Kingwood St Brainerd, MN 56401

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
03/27/2025	Other Services: Videography	450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00

Edgerton Strategies LLC

1601 Elm St Suite 4360 Dallas, TX 75201

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
04/11/2025	Advertising - general: Phone calls, text and digital	16,580.00	0.00	0.00	16,580.00

L2 Inc

18912 N Creek Pkwy Bldg 1, Ste 201 Bothell, WA 98011

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
04/07/2025	Mailing / Voter List Rent/Purchase: List Rental	474.00	0.00	0.00	474.00

Matchbox Media LLC

2009 W Broadway Forest Lake, MN 55025

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
03/27/2025	Advertising - Print: Literature	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
03/28/2025	Advertising - Print: Design, Print & Postage	6,097.52	0.00	0.00	6,097.52
03/31/2025	Advertising - Print: Signs	1,170.45	0.00	0.00	1,170.45
04/02/2025	Advertising - Print: Design, Print and Postage	6,097.52	0.00	0.00	6,097.52
04/04/2025	Advertising - Print: Signs, Printing & Postage	7,687.92	0.00	0.00	7,687.92
04/10/2025	Advertising - Print: Car Magnets, Printing and Postage	6,131.41	0.00	0.00	6,131.41
	Total	27,784.82	0.00	0.00	27,784.82

Menards

15236 Dellwood Dr Baxter, MN 56401

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
03/31/2025	Supplies: Supplies	228.37	0.00	0.00	228.37

Rapids Radio LLC

PO Box 597 Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
04/11/2025	Advertising - Radio: Radio Ads	1,656.00	0.00	0.00	1,656.00

Timberlake Lodge

144 17th St SE Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
04/14/2025	Lodging: Lodging	245.02	0.00	0.00	245.02

	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
Total of itemized	47,718.21	0.00	0.00	47,718.21
Total of non-itemized	688.38	0.00	0.00	688.38
	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
Totals	48,406.59	0.00	0.00	48,406.59

Schedule B1 - NCD Non-Campaign Disbursements

Heintzeman, Keri Senator District 6 Committee

Louisiana Cafe

613 Selby Ave St. Paul, MN 55102

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
04/02/2025	NCD: Food, beverages and supplies for fundraising event - Food and Beverages: Food for Fundraiser	281.89	0.00	0.00	281.89

WinRed

1776 Wilson Blvd Suite 530 Arlington, VA 22209

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
03/26/2025	NCD: Credit card or electronic payment processing fees - Credit Card Processing Fees: Credit Card Processing Fees	171.41	0.00	0.00	171.41
03/28/2025	NCD: Credit card or electronic payment processing fees - Credit Card Processing Fees: Credit Card Processing Fees	10.80	0.00	0.00	10.80
03/31/2025	NCD: Credit card or electronic payment processing fees - Credit Card Processing Fees: Credit Card Processing Fees	63.05	0.00	0.00	63.05
03/31/2025	NCD: Credit card or electronic payment processing fees - Credit Card Processing Fees: Credit Card Processing Fees	1.97	0.00	0.00	1.97
03/31/2025	NCD: Credit card or electronic payment processing fees - Credit Card Processing Fees: Credit Card Processing Fees	121.96	0.00	0.00	121.96
04/01/2025	NCD: Credit card or electronic payment processing fees - Credit Card Processing Fees: Credit Card Processing Fees	48.27	0.00	0.00	48.27
04/02/2025	NCD: Credit card or electronic payment processing fees - Credit Card Processing Fees: Credit Card Processing Fees	1.97	0.00	0.00	1.97
04/03/2025	NCD: Credit card or electronic payment processing fees - Credit Card Processing Fees: Credit Card Processing Fees	23.64	0.00	0.00	23.64
04/08/2025	NCD: Credit card or electronic payment processing fees - Credit Card Processing Fees: Credit Card Processing Fees	45.31	0.00	0.00	45.31
04/08/2025	NCD: Credit card or electronic payment processing fees - Credit Card Processing Fees: Credit Card Processing Fees	8.87	0.00	0.00	8.87
04/15/2025	NCD: Credit card or electronic payment processing fees - Credit Card Processing Fees: Credit Card Processing Fees	3.94	0.00	0.00	3.94
Total		501.19	0.00	0.00	501.19

	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
Total of itemized	783.08	0.00	0.00	783.08
Total of non-itemized	813.21	0.00	0.00	813.21
Totals	Paid 1,596.29	Unpaid 0.00	In Kind 0.00	Total 1,596.29

Schedule B2 - PTY Contributions to Political Party Units
Heintzeman, Keri Senator District 6 Committee

	Cash	InKind	Total
Total of itemized	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total of non-itemized	80.00	0.00	80.00
	Cash	InKind	Total
Totals	80.00	0.00	80.00

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

**PRIMA FACIE
DETERMINATION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF RICHARD CARLBOM REGARDING HEINTZEMAN (KERI) FOR
SENATE

On April 24, 2025, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board received a complaint submitted by Richard Carlbom regarding Keri Heintzeman, a candidate for Minnesota Senate District 6. Heintzeman (Keri) for Senate is the principal campaign committee of Ms. Heintzeman.

The complaint alleges that the Heintzeman committee violated the individual contribution limit under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1. The complaint includes a copy of the Heintzeman committee's pre-special election report of receipts and expenditures that was filed with the Board on April 22, 2025. As is stated in the complaint, the report includes contributions received by the Heintzeman committee from nine individuals who each contributed \$1,000 during the period from March 22 through March 24, 2025, and contributed an additional \$1,000 during the period from March 26 through March 30, 2025. The complaint notes that a candidate for state senator is prohibited from accepting contributions in excess of \$1,000 from any particular contributor that is an individual, a political committee or fund, or an association that is not registered with the Board, "in the election segment of an election cycle."

Ms. Heintzeman filed an affidavit of candidacy during the filing period created by the Writ of Special Election for Senate District 6, which was issued on March 25, 2025. The Writ of Special Election directs that a special election be held on April 29, 2025.

Determination

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivision 16, provides that:

"Election cycle" means the period from January 1 following a general election for an office to December 31 following the next general election for that office, except that "election cycle" for a special election means the period from the date the special election writ is issued to 15 days after the special election is held. For a regular election, the period from January 1 of the year prior to an election year through December 31 of the election year is the "election segment" of the election cycle. Each other two-year segment of an election cycle is a "nonelection segment" of the election cycle. An election cycle that consists of two calendar years has only an election segment. The election segment of a special election cycle includes the entire special election cycle.

The Writ of Special Election for Senate District 6 was issued on March 25, and the special election will be held on April 29, 2025. Therefore, the Senate District 6 special election cycle and its election segment, which are coextensive, consist of the period from March 25 through May 14, 2025. The 2025-2026 regular election segment for Senate District 6 special election candidates includes the two-year period, excluding the special election cycle, and therefore consists of the periods from January 1 through March 24, 2025, and from May 15, 2025, through December 31, 2026.

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1, provides that a candidate for state senator “must not permit the candidate’s principal campaign committee to accept aggregate contributions made or delivered by any individual, political committee, political fund, or association not registered with the board in excess of” the amount of “\$1,000 in the election segment of an election cycle for the office sought. . . .” Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 16b, provides that “Election segment contribution limits set forth in this section apply to a special election cycle.” Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 16c, provides that “Contribution limits apply independently for election segments, nonelection segments, and special election cycles.” As a result, a Senate District 6 special election candidate and their campaign committee may accept contributions totaling up to \$1,000 from an individual during the special election cycle, and may accept contributions totaling up to \$1,000 from the same individual during the 2025-2026 regular election segment.

With respect to each of the nine contributors identified in the complaint, the Heintzeman committee reportedly received their first \$1,000 contribution prior to March 25, the start of the special election cycle, and received their second \$1,000 contribution after March 25, 2025. According to the complaint and the Heintzeman committee’s pre-special election report, those contributors each gave the maximum amount of \$1,000 during two separate election segments. Therefore, the complaint does not state a prima facie violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, this prima facie determination is made by the Board chair and not by any vote of the entire Board. The complaint is dismissed without prejudice.



Faris Rashid, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Date: April 25, 2025