

Minnesota

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2026

10:00 AM

Room 2000 (Skjegstad Conference Room)

Stassen Building

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

1. **Approval of minutes**
 - A. February 4, 2026
2. **Chair's report**
 - A. Meeting schedule
3. **Executive director's report – no written materials**
4. **Enforcement report**
5. **Legal report**
6. **Other business**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Immediately following regular session

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

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**Wednesday, February 4, 2026
10:00 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, Banaian, Flynn, Rashid, Swanson

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

MINUTES (December 3, 2025)

The following motion was made:

Member Flynn's motion: To approve the December 3, 2025, minutes as drafted.

Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Rashid reminded members the schedule for early 2026 Board meetings is being finalized and encouraged members to notify Board staff as soon as possible of any potential conflicts. Mr. Sigurdson noted a correction to be made to the schedule as drafted: March 12th is a Thursday, not a Wednesday. Chair Rashid announced the nomination committee had decided to nominate Member Asp as Chair and Member Banaian as Vice Chair for the remainder of 2026.

The following motion was made:

Member Swanson's motion: To elect David Asp as Chair and King Banaian as Vice Chair of the Campaign Finance Board for 2026.

Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.

Chair Asp reminded members of upcoming Senate confirmations for Member Swanson and Member Banaian whose terms run through 2028. Chair Asp noted his own recent re-appointment and the appointment of a new member to the Board, Charles Spevacek, both of which are also subject to confirmation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sigurdson presented members with a memorandum that is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Year-end Reports: Mr. Sigurdson presented a brief update on the year-end reporting process. The lobbying program had received 99% of reports with only nine reports outstanding as of the February Board meeting, the campaign finance program had received 93% of reports, and the economic interest statement program had 168 outstanding reports.

Lobbying Handbook: Mr. Sigurdson reminded the Board of the statutory requirement to update the lobbying handbook which was completed and uploaded to the website.

Training: Mr. Sigurdson noted the start of an election year means increased interest in training for treasurers and others involved in campaigns. To that end, the Board staff held trainings in January for political committees and party units. The trainings were recorded and are available on the website. Mr. Sigurdson also provided a video training to National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) to assist with their members impacted by the expansion of lobbyist reporting requirements to political subdivisions.

ADVISORY OPINION 470

Mr. Sigurdson presented members with a memorandum that is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Sigurdson stated Advisory Opinion 470 had not changed in substance beyond the recent signed release to make public the identity of the requestor, Eric L. Lipman. As the chief advocate for the organization, Utility Reform Now!, Mr. Lipman was seeking clarification of if and when a lobbyist registration is required when the organization has no paid staff and is exclusively funded by a single individual, among other disclosure considerations.

The following motion was made:

Member Rashid's motion: To approve the advisory opinion as drafted.

Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.

AUDIT OF PUBLIC SUBSIDY QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. Sigurdson presented members with a memorandum that is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Noting the limited authority and availability of Board staff to conduct audits, Mr. Sigurdson pointed to heightened public concern related to fraud in state programs as a driver for an additional audit authorization focused on qualifying contributions. Mr. Sigurdson highlighted the ease with which the audit could be conducted using pre-existing data structures in CFRO. Chair Asp asked whether the existing language mandated an audit based on the threshold, and Member Swanson stated the same language limits the scope to filers not using CFRO. Mr. Sigurdson clarified the language means if an affidavit of contributions is not filed or if the affidavit does not align with the activity of the committee, the affidavit is invalid. Member Flynn inquired about the staff capacity to undertake the audit and Mr. Sigurdson responded he believed there was sufficient capacity. Chair Asp asked if the final sentence of the proposed resolution is allowable and Mr. Sigurdson stated it was reflective of previous audit outcomes when contributions did not meet minimum requirements. Mr. Sigurdson agreed to remove the final sentence of the proposed resolution to alleviate any

discomfort about the appropriateness of a resolution as the vehicle to withhold a public subsidy payment. Member Flynn reminded the Board of their history of helping candidates meet requirements rather than focusing on punishment, and Mr. Sigurdson agreed that remains the primary focus of staff efforts.

The following motion was made:

Member Banaian’s motion: To approve the following resolution:

Resolved - That the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board hereby authorizes the executive director to audit the qualifying contributions claimed by all committees that file an affidavit of contributions for an election.

Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

A. Discussion Item - EIS address waiver request – Patrick Tanis (Office of the Governor)

Member Swanson stated his objection to approval of the request based on the deficiency of the statute and not the unreasonableness of the request. Member Rashid acknowledged Member Swanson’s objection but reiterated that until the language is changed the Board should react to the reality that real threats exist for public officials.

The following motion was made:

Member Flynn’s motion: To approve the waiver request.

Vote on motion: Member Swanson votes no; all others approve

B. Waiver Requests

1. Governor Seymore (Christopher) In 2018 (18300)						
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	Board Decision
2018 Year-End	1/31/2019	12/11/2025	\$1,000 CP	No	Waive	The following motion was made: Member Banaian: To accept recommended action Vote on motion: unanimous
Candidate Seymore states the committee was established in anticipation of his candidacy for governor but he opted to run for United States Senate instead. The committee did not raise any money or spend any money and filed a 2018 year-end report that terminated the committee in December 2025.						

2. Tremco CPG (Construction Products Group) (8265)						
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	Board Decision
2025 March LPR	3/17/2025	1/7/2026	\$1,000 CP \$1,000 LFF	No	Waive \$1,000 CP	The following motion was made:
<p>Vice President and General Counsel, Brian Stack, reports a series of miscommunications following the departure of an attorney who had been responsible for managing the reporting requirements. The attorney had contracted with another organization to assist with advocacy efforts and reporting of such activity. Upon the attorney's departure, the notice of the late filing was not appropriately forwarded due to staff leave in the mail room. The outstanding report was promptly filed once Mr. Stack became aware of the deficiency due to being served with documents from the Office of the Attorney General. The report disclosed \$50,000 spent on lobbying in 2024.</p>						<p>Member Rashid: To accept recommended action</p> <p>Vote on motion: unanimous</p>

3. Lobbyist Sean Carroll (5132)						
<p>Laura Schreiber of the Land Stewardship Project addressed the Board related to this matter. Ms. Schreiber stated the organization had experienced staff turnover and had not adequately addressed responsibility for filing reports following Mr. Carroll's departure. She assured the Board processes had since been established.</p>						
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	Board Decision
2025 June LR				Yes. A		<p>The following motion was made:</p> <p>Member Rashid: Waive the two civil penalties totaling \$2,000</p> <p>Vote on motion: unanimous</p>
2025 June LR	6/16/2025	8/1/2025	\$800 LFF	\$375 late filing fee	No Recommendation	
2025 January LR	6/16/2025	8/1/2025	\$800 LFF	for the principal report of the Land Stewardship Action Fund was waived in May 2025 due to staff turnover.		
2025 January LR	1/15/2025	8/1/2025	\$1,000 LFF			
2025 January LR	1/15/2025	8/1/2025	\$1,000 CP			
2025 January LR	1/15/2025	11/24/2025	\$1,000 LFF			
2025 January LR	1/15/2025	11/24/2025	\$1,000 CP			
<p>Sean Carrol is the reporting lobbyist for the Land Stewardship Project (reports for five lobbyists) and the Land Stewardship Action Fund (reports for four lobbyists). Government Relations Director for the Land Stewardship Action Fund (7977), Laura Schreiber, states the organization has experienced significant staff turnover in the last year and a half which resulted in miscommunication about the responsibility for filing the required reports. Director Schreiber assures the Board a new system of accountability has been established and future reports will be submitted on time and accurately.</p>						

B. Payments

1. Forwarded anonymous contributions

Lang (Andrew) for Senate 17 - \$50
 Neighbors for Jamie Long - \$100

2. Donation to State of Minnesota from terminating principal campaign committee

Friends of Brian Anderson - \$256.18

3. Return of public subsidy in excess of campaign expenditures

Noor (Mohamud) For House - \$553.76

4. Civil penalty for disclaimer violation

Crow Wing County RPM - \$100

5. Civil penalty for making a prohibited contribution during the legislation session

Aitkin County DFL Club - \$250

6. Civil penalty for accepting a prohibited contribution during the legislation session

Julia Samsal Hipp for MN House D#10A - \$100

7. Civil penalty for aggregate special source violation

Housely (Karin) for Senate - \$250

Samantha Vang for House - \$100

8. Civil penalty for false certification

Dennis Smith for Attorney General - \$3,000

9. Civil penalty for failure to keep records

Dennis Smith for Attorney General - \$1,000

10. Civil penalty for failure to keep accounts

Dennis Smith for Attorney General - \$1,000

11. Civil penalty for conversion to personal use

Dennis Smith for Attorney General - \$3,000

Dennis Smith for Attorney General - \$11,920.01 (disgorgement)

12. Late filing fee for 2021 year-end report

Marla Vagts Campaign - \$275

13. Late filing fee for 2022 1st Quarter report

Minnesotans for Chief Justice (Natalie) Hudson - \$25

14. Late filing fee for 2023 year-end report

65th Senate District DFL - \$300
Friends of Brian Anderson - \$800

15. Late filing fee for 2024 year-end report

Friends of Brian Anderson - \$1,000
Marla Vagts Campaign - \$75
Vote Yaeger (Carl) Campaign Committee - \$25

16. Late filing fee for 2025 underlying source disclosure statement

CTUL Action Fund Political Committee - \$200
CTUL Action - \$200
We Love Minneapolis PAC - \$2,000 (1,000 x 2)
Minneapolis Downtown Council - \$1,000
Minnesota Multi Housing Association - \$1,000

17. Late filing fee for 2025 pre-general large contribution notice

Building Bluejackets Community Coalition - \$ 50
Faith in Minnesota Action - \$450
Lake Superior Housing Coalition - \$450
North Central States Carpenters PAC - \$750

18. Late filing fee for 2025 pre-general report

CAR, Committee of Automotive Retailers - \$100
CTUL Action Fund Political Committee - \$150
Duluth Fire PAC - \$100
Firefighter Assoc of Mpls Political Fund - \$50
We Love Minneapolis PAC - \$1,000

19. Civil penalty for 2025 pre-general report

We Love Minneapolis PAC - \$1,000

ADMINISTRATIVE RULEMAKING UPDATE

Mr. Olson presented members with a memorandum that is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

UPDATE ON DENNIS SMITH FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL FINDINGS

Mr. Olson presented members with a memorandum that is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Hartshorn provided members with an update on pleadings and service of process for various matters previously advanced to the Office of the Attorney General.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Asp recessed the regular session of the meeting and called to order the executive session. Regular session was reconvened and Chair Asp reported the approval of the probable cause determination involving Safer Hennepin.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Asp.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Sigurdson
Executive Director

Attachments:

- Executive director's report
- Advisory Opinion 470 memo and attachments
- Audit Authorization memo
- Administrative rulemaking memo
- Dennis Smith For Attorney General memo
- Legal report



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CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2026

Meetings are typically held the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM, unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, April 1 (Afternoon Meeting?)

Wednesday, May 6

Wednesday, June 3

Wednesday, July 1

Wednesday, August 5

Wednesday, September 2

Wednesday, October 7

Wednesday, November 4

Wednesday, December 2



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CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Date: March 5, 2026

To: Board members
Counsel Hartshorn

From: Alexis Lohse, Legal/Management Analyst
Megan Engelhardt, Assistant Executive Director

Telephone: 651-539-1183

Telephone: 651-539-1182

Subject: Enforcement report for consideration at the March 12, 2026, Board meeting

A. Waiver Requests

1. Dan Sepeda for House (19148)					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
2024 Pre-Primary	7/29/2024	7/30/2024	\$50 LFF	No	Waive
2025 Year-End	2/2/2026	2/6/2026	\$100 LFF		
Candidate Dan Sepeda states the late filing of the report was a simple oversight. He takes his reporting requirements seriously and filed as soon as the matter was brought to his attention.					

2. 34th Senate District DFL (20939)					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
2025 Year-End	2/2/2026	2/6/2026	\$100 LFF	No	Waive
Chair Kim Vera states the late filing resulted from confusion on the part of the treasurer who filed another copy of the 2024 year-end report on the due date, rather than the 2025 report. A correction was made as soon as the matter was brought to their attention.					

3. IFAPAC Minn (40056)					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
2025 Year-End	2/2/2026	2/11/2026	\$175 LFF	No	Waive
<p>Treasurer Sandy Beeson states the late filing of the report was due a misunderstanding of the language used on the CFRO website. They thought the report had been "Uploaded" without realizing they needed to click a button file the report. The language used in the waiver request does not match CFRO. There is no language in CFRO stating that anything has been "Uploaded" and in order to file a report, all that is required is that the treasurer check a box certifying the report is accurate, then click a button labeled "Submit". This committee filed 7 previous reports using CFRO, and the process is the same that was used in the old Campaign Finance Reporter software. The committee has been registered with the Board since 1974 and hasn't had a late filing fee since 2018.</p>					

4. Scott Busker (Pelican River WD)					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
2025 Annual EIS	1/26/2026	2/23/2026	\$45 LFF	No	Waive
<p>Mr. Busker states he spends winter months out-of-state and the forwarding of his mail has been inconsistent.</p>					

5. Vote Yes Roseville (60093)					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
Pre-Election Large Contribution Notice	10/24/2025	11/3/2025	\$300 LFF		Waive \$600
2025 Pre-General	10/27/2025	11/4/2025	\$300 LFF	No	
Pre-Election Large Contribution Notice	10/28/2025	11/3/2025	\$200 LFF		
<p>Current Treasurer Matthew Sundeen stated the ballot question political fund was formed to pass a levy referendum question for Roseville Area Schools ISD 623. The group originally planned to rely on two in-kind mailer donations from Education Minnesota PAC and another in-kind donation of yard signs paid for by community members, all totaling under the \$5,000 registration threshold for ballot question funds. The group ultimately exceeded the threshold when Education Minnesota PAC accidentally sent out a third mailer just before election day, and Mr. Sundeen was unable to undertake corrective steps until November 3rd.</p>					

6. Kyros (8023)					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
2025 March LPR	3/17/2025	2/5/2026	\$1,000 LFF \$1,000 CP	No	Waive \$1,000 CP
<p>Kristin Landry of Kyros Recovery states the late filing arose from significant organizational disruption during the relevant period. Effective September 2024, the employees responsible for overseeing and submitting lobbying activity reports were no longer employed by the company. Shortly thereafter, in November 2024, the company was placed into receivership. During receivership, operational control and administrative functions were significantly limited and transitional in nature. In May of 2025, the company was acquired by a new entity and Kyros is no longer a lobbyist principal. Kyros was referred to the Attorney General's Office in July 2025 and served with a summons and complaint in January 2026, at which point the report was quickly filed.</p>					

7. MEA PAC (30765)					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
Pre-Primary Large Contribution Notice	8/8/2025	1/16/2026	\$1,000 LFF	No	Waive \$1,750
Pre-Election Large Contribution Notice	10/24/2025	1/16/2026	\$1,000 LFF		
<p>Treasurer John Arlandson states the first late notice was an oversight on his part due to his lack of familiarity with the 24-hour requirement. The second late notice was due to a miscommunication with Education Minnesota regarding their in-kind contribution in late October. Treasurer Arlandson spoke with Board staff about the oversight and, based on that conversation, understood the filing would be compliant but realizes he was not correct. The first late filing fee was assessed in error. While the fund received a large contribution during a large contribution notice period, it wasn't required to file that notice because it didn't cross the \$200 spending threshold that triggers reporting requirements in odd-numbered years until late September.</p>					

8. Elizabeth Alm (Medical Services Review Board)					
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action
2025 Annual EIS	1/26/2026	2/24/2026	\$50 LFF	No	No Action
<p>Dr. Alm states she has not been a member of the Medical Services Review Board for more than year and believed she was no longer required to file an economic interest statement. As of the date of the waiver request, she was still a confirmed member of the Board despite not attending the Board's meetings.</p>					

B. Payments

1. Forwarded anonymous contributions

- 45th Senate District RPM - \$250
- 49th Senate District DFL - \$200
- Feist (Sandra) for House - \$60

2. Return of public subsidy in excess of campaign expenditures

Leon Lillie For House - \$223.90

3. Late filing fee for 2025 year-end report

IFAPAC Minn - \$175

4. Late filing fee for 2025 annual economic interest statement

Kathryn Weiss - \$30

5. Late filing fee for 2025 January lobbyist report

Sean Carroll - \$2,000 (\$1,000 x 2)

6. Late filing fee for 2025 June lobbyist report

Sean Carroll - \$1,600 (\$800 x 2)

7. Late filing fee for 2024 lobbyist principal report

Tremco CPG (Construction Products Group) - \$1,000

Dan Sepeda For House (19148)

Lohse, Alexis (CFB)

From: Dan Sepeda <dan.sepeda@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 6, 2026 4:26 PM
To: Olson, Andrew (CFB)
Subject: Request for Waiver of Late Fees

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Dear Minnesota Campaign Finance Board,

I am writing to respectfully request a waiver of the late filing fee assessed for my 2025 year-end report, which was submitted four days after the deadline.

I take my reporting obligations seriously and regret missing the deadline. While I do not have a specific excuse for the delay, it was unintentional, and the report was filed as soon as I realized the oversight. I have made every effort to remain compliant with campaign finance requirements, and this late filing does not reflect my usual practices.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and understand that the decision is at the Board's discretion. Please let me know if any additional information would be helpful.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Dan Sepeda

34th Senate District DFL (20939)

Lohse, Alexis (CFB)

From: Kim Vera <kimmyvera01@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 10:27 AM
To: CFBEmail
Cc: brima bah; Amy Van Schepen; Kim Vera
Subject: Senate District 34 DFL request for waiver of filing fee

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Hello,

I am writing today to ask for a waiver of the filing fee for our 2025 Year end report. There was a mix up in the filing system and our Treasurer accidentally filed an amendment to the 2024 filing instead of hitting submit on the 2025 filing. All the information was entered on time in the system, just a mix up on certifying the incorrect year. As soon as we were alerted our filing was not submitted, we immediately submitted the report. We apologize for the error and on the behalf of Senate District 34, we respectfully ask for a waiver of the filing fee.

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Thank you
Kim Vera
Chair SD34 DFL

IFAPAC Minn (40056)

From: [Sandy Beeson](#)
To: [Engelhardt, Megan \(CFB\)](#)
Cc: [Brian Fleming](#); [Meha Patel](#)
Subject: RE: CFB 2025 Year-End report PAST DUE
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 8:56:18 AM

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Megan,

I have confirmed that NAIFA-MN has filed our Chapter's 2025 year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures. The delay resulted from a misunderstanding of the website functionality: the report status showed "Uploaded," but it had not been formally "Filed." The filing button was not clearly indicated, and it was reasonably assumed that uploading the report completed the filing process.

Because the report was prepared and ready for submission by the deadline, we respectfully request that the late fees be waived due to this technical confusion.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sandy Beeson | Chapter Executive
NAIFA - Minnesota
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White Bear Lake, MN 55110

NAIFA – MN has a new website! Please set up an account at the website to register for NAIFA – MN events. www.naifa-mn.org

Scott Busker

Lohse, Alexis (CFB)

From: Scott Busker <scott@busker.cc>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 7:53 AM
To: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)
Cc: Susan Busker
Subject: Re: Mn Campaign Finance Board

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi Megan

Please understand that that I was completely unaware of this filing requirement as a part of my role on the Pelican River Watershed Board.. My wife and I winter in Arkansas and our mail is forwarded to us which has been intermittent at best. We had received no prior mail regarding this matter, and were blindsided by the recent letter & subsequent penalty. If this was a matter that timely response is subject to penalties it should have been addressed as a certified mail from the onset. This is not fair and i would respectfully ask for this to be waived.

Thanks,
Scott Busker

Vote Yes Roseville (60093)

November 27, 2025

Minnesota Campaign Finance Board
Suite 190, Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155-1603

RE: Waiver Request for Late Filing Fees
Reg. No.: 60093

Dear Megan Engelhardt,

Thank you for your correspondence dated November 20, 2025, regarding late filing fees assessed to Vote Yes Roseville. I appreciate the Board's diligence in ensuring compliance and transparency.

Vote Yes Roseville is a ballot question group that was formed to help pass the levy referendum ballot question for Roseville Area Schools ISD 623. Our original plan was to spend \$3,944.42 on two mailers paid for by an in-kind donation by Education Minn PAC and \$566.25 on yard signs paid for by an in-kind donation by several community members. Thus, not exceeding the \$5,000 threshold for ballot-question committees, and not requiring us to register or file a campaign finance report.

On October 24th I received a call from the Education Minnesota PAC that they accidentally sent out a third mailing earlier that day. At that point we were over the \$5,000 contribution limit and needed to file campaign reports. Between my travels and collection information I did not get the reports filed until November 3rd.

- I acknowledge the late submission of the large contribution notices for Education Minnesota PAC and the Report of Receipts and Expenditures.
- The delays were due to the above circumstances that were not anticipated or expected.
- I respectfully request that the Board consider waiving or reducing the late filing fees totaling \$800, as outlined in your letters. The committee has made every effort to comply with reporting requirements and values the integrity of the campaign finance process.

Please let me know if additional documentation or explanation is required. I am happy to provide further details or answer any questions the Board may have.

Best Regards,



Matthew A. Sundeen,
Treasurer, Vote Yes Roseville

Kyros (8023)

Lohse, Alexis (CFB)

From: Kristin Landry <kristin.landry@navitahealth.care>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 10:55 AM
To: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)
Subject: Request for Waiver - Kyros Recovery Reg. No. 8023

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Dear Ms.Engelhardt,

On behalf of Kyros Recovery Inc., I respectfully submit this request for waiver of the late filing fee and associated civil penalty assessed in connection with the late filing of the 2024 Lobbyist Principal Report.

The failure to timely submit the report was not willful, nor was it the result of neglect. Rather, it arose from significant organizational disruption during the relevant period. Effective September 2024, the employees responsible for overseeing and submitting lobbying activity reports were no longer employed by the company. Shortly thereafter, in November 2024, the company was placed into receivership. During receivership, operational control and administrative functions were significantly limited and transitional in nature. In May of 2025, the company was acquired by a new entity.

At no time did the company intend to avoid its reporting responsibilities. The failure to file resulted directly from personnel separation, financial distress, receivership proceedings, and subsequent change in ownership. Upon discovery, corrective measures were implemented and the report was filed with the State.

Given these extenuating circumstances—including employee departures, court-supervised receivership, and acquisition by new ownership—we respectfully request that the late filing fee and civil penalty be waived in full.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. Please let us know if additional documentation is required to support this request.

Respectfully,

Kristin Landry

MEA PAC (30765)

February 23, 2026

RE: Large Contribution Notice Reg. No.: 30765

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To Minnesota Campaign Finance Board,

I am the treasurer of the Mahtomedi Education Association and responsible for the MEA PAC (30765). I recently received two letters indicating fines related to two late filings of "large" contributions to the MEA PAC. Both are related to a "vote yes" bond and levy question for Mahtomedi ISD 832. I am asking the board to consider a waiver of the two late filing fees.

The first late fee is related to the initial contribution of \$3000 from the Mahtomedi Education Association to the MEA PAC's account to support a bond and levy question for ISD 832. Despite reviewing the regulations, I did not realize the requirement of 24 hour reporting of large contributions for the initial creation of the account. The transaction was accounted for in the Campaign Finance reporting system, but not in a timely manner. As a teacher and union treasurer I was not as familiar with the new campaign finance reporting system as I should have been. Our organization is small with limited financial resources. I am asking the Campaign Finance Board to consider waiving the fine.

The second late filing is related to "in kind" contributions received from Education Minnesota in October. I was alerted to the contribution in a secondary email and I missed the communication. As soon as I realized I was late with my filing I called the Campaign Finance Board in late October and explained the situation. The Campaign Finance Board representative was very helpful and assured me that my late filing would be compliant. In retrospect, I think there must have been some misunderstanding between me and the Campaign Finance Board representative about the nature of the contribution or I submitted the receipt incorrectly at that time. I am asking the Campaign Finance Board to consider waiving the fine.

I now have a better understanding of the reporting process and appreciate your taking the time to review this request for waiver of the late filing fee fines. If further information is necessary, I can be reached by phone at 763-218-6958 or email: johnarlandson@gmail.com.

Thank you,



John Arlandson
Math Teacher
Union Treasurer
Mahtomedi ISD 832

Elizabeth Alm

Lohse, Alexis (CFB)

From: Liz Alm <liz.medina.alm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 11:44 PM
To: Engelhardt, Megan (CFB); Lohse, Alexis (CFB)
Cc: Olson, Andrew (CFB)
Subject: Waiver

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To Campaign Finance Board:

I am writing to request a waiver for the late filing fee for the Economic Interest Statement. I have not been a part of the Medical Service Review Board for more than a year and was under the assumption that if I am no longer on the board than I do not need to enter this form. As soon as I received a letter stating I was late in submitting this form, I contacted the MN State Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board to try to remedy this misunderstanding. This form was entered as directed on 02/24/2026.

In all the years I was an active member of this Board I have, without exception, entered this form in a timely manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Liz Medina Alm, MD, MPH

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD
MARCH 2026**

ACTIVE FILES

Candidate/Treasurer/ Lobbyist	Committee/Agency	Report Missing/ Violation	Late Filing Fee/ Civil Penalty	Referred to AGO	Date S&C Personally Served	Default Hearing Date	Date Judgment Entered	Case Status
	African Community Economic Development/Abdulkadir Y. Hussein, CEO	2024 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal	\$1,000 LFF \$1,000 CP	7/22/2025	10/16/25			
	JADT Development Group LLC	2024 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal	\$1,000 LFF \$1,000 CP	7/22/2025	11/17/25			
Omar Jamal, Lobbyist	Omar Jamal, Lobbyist Principal and Association	2023 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal 2024 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal Lobbyist Disbursement Report 1/1/2024 to 5/31/2024 Lobbyist Activity report 1/15/2025	\$1,000 LFF \$1,000 CP \$1,000 LFF \$1,000 CP \$1,000 LFF \$1,000 CP \$250 LFF	7/21/2025 7/21/2025 7/21/2025 7/21/2025				Required reports filed. Lobbyist and principal intend to submit waiver request concerning penalties and fees. Case on hold at staff request.

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	Ka Joog Nonprofit Organization	Late filing of 2019 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal	\$475 LFF	7/21/2025	12/9/25			
		Late filing of 2021 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal	\$25 LFF	7/21/2025				
		Late filing of 2023 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal	\$125 LFF	7/21/2025				
		2024 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal	\$1,000 LFF \$1,000 CP	7/21/2025				
	Kyros	2024 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal	\$1,000 LFF \$1,000 CP	7/21/2025	1/2/26			
	Newby Norris Co. d/b/a Cultivated CBD	2023 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal	\$1,000 LFF \$1000 CP	7/18/2025	9/18/25			
		2024 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal	\$1,000 LFF	7/18/2025				
	Twin Cities Health Services/Gulad Mohamoud, CEO	2023 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal	\$1,000 LFF \$1000 CP	7/21/2025	12/8/25 (on Secretary of State)			
		2024 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal	\$1,000 LFF	7/21/2025				

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	Twin Cities Therapy Services Inc./Gulad Mohamoud, CEO	2024 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal Late filing of 2024 of Lobbyist Principal Report	\$1,000 LFF \$1000 CP \$1,000 LFF	7/21/2025 7/21/2025	12/8/25 (on Secretary of State)			

CLOSED FILES

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	Minnesota Gun Rights	2024 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal		7/22/2025				2024 Lobbyist Principal report filed
	Minnesota Right to Life	2024 Annual Report of Lobbyist Principal		7/22/2025				2024 Lobbyist Principal report filed

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