

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

.....
**Thursday, March 12, 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 Asp.

Members present: Asp, Banaian, Flynn, Rashid, Spevacek, Swanson

Others present: Sigurdson, Engelhardt, Olson, Lohse, staff

The meeting did not follow the order of business stated in the agenda with respect to consideration of the order of the Enforcement Report and the Legal Report.

MINUTES (February 4, 2026)

The following motion was made:

Member Rashid's motion: To approve the February 4, 2026, minutes as drafted.

Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Sigurdson noted the April 1st meeting may occur in the afternoon as the Stassen Room was not available in the morning, and encouraged members to reach out if personal scheduling conflicts precluded an afternoon meeting time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sigurdson reported the successful confirmations of Members Banaian and Swanson. Mr. Sigurdson provided legislative updates on three bills under consideration that would impact the Board. The bill related to the Board's recommended language updates, Senate File 4223, is on track to approval. The other two bills being considered originate from court decisions about disclosure of grassroots lobbying expenditures by principals and prominence requirements for disclaimers on campaign material. Both of these bills are likely to be part of the Senate omnibus elections bill. On the House side, both are being sponsored by Representative Freiberg though considered separately. Chair Asp asked if the bill related to grassroots lobbying would effectively resolve the outstanding issues in the federal litigation. Mr. Sigurdson responded he believed it would. Chair Asp further inquired if Mr. Sigurdson believed the bill addressing disclaimers would be settled

quickly. Mr. Sigurdson expressed confidence that the Legislature would act on the matter and until such legislation was passed, the matters remanded by the Court of Appeals could be laid over. Mr. Sigurdson also provided information on a bill that would authorize a pilot program for a trimmed-down version of the CFRO program to be made available to local candidates and another bill that would limit access to street addresses within reports filed with the Board.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

The Board heard from Kim Vera, Chair of the 34th Senate District DFL in relation to the group’s waiver request.

A. Waiver Requests

Chair Asp asked the Board to consider waiver requests 1-4 as a group.

The following motion was made:

Member Rashid’s motion: To approve waiver requests 1-4, as recommended.

Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.

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
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.					

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
Mr. Busker states he spends winter months out-of-state and the forwarding of his mail has been inconsistent.					

Chair Asp asked the Board to consider waiver requests 5-7 as a group. Member Rashid asked for clarification of the calculation of the recommendation for the request from MEA PAC (#7). Ms. Engelhardt clarified the calculation came from the timing of when the group needed to register with the Board versus when they actually completed the registration. Mr. Olson further clarified the normal reduction for a first violation is to \$250. In this instance, the first violation did not actually apply but was kept in the waiver request consideration because otherwise the explanation from the affected party did not make sense.

The following motion was made:

Member Flynn’s motion: To approve the recommended action for waiver requests 5-7.

Vote on motion: Unanimously approved.

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	No	Waive \$600
2025 Pre-General	10/27/2025	11/4/2025	\$300 LFF		
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>					

Chair Asp asked for clarification as to whether or not Dr. Alm was still serving on the Medical Services Review Board. Ms. Engelhardt stated her conversations with the administrator for that Board indicated a formal resignation had not been tendered though Dr. Alm had also not attended any meetings in quite some time.

8. Elizabeth Alm (Medical Service Review Board)						
Report(s)	Due	Filed	Amount	Prior Waivers	Recommended Action	Board Decision
2025 Annual EIS	1/26/2026	2/24/2026	\$50 LFF	No	No Action	No motion made
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.						

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

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 dismissal of the Jamel Lundy for SD65 matter.

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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Sigurdson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeff Sigurdson
Executive Director

Attachments:
Legal report