

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Isaacson (Jason) for SD 42 committee (17929);

1. Isaacson (Jason) for SD 42 is the principal campaign committee of Senator Jason Isaacson. The aggregate political party unit and terminating principal campaign committee contribution limit was \$10,000 for a candidate for state senator during the 2019-2020 election cycle segment. The committee's 2019 and 2020 year-end reports of receipts and expenditures included a total of \$10,272.08 in contributions from those sources. The excess of \$272.08 was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. The total amount of contributions a candidate for state senator could accept from a single political fund during the 2019-2020 election cycle segment was \$1,000. The committee's 2019 year-end report disclosed a contribution of \$100 received on January 6, 2019, and a contribution of \$1,000 received on August 1, 2019, each from the IFO Political Action Committee Fund (Inter Faculty Organization) (IFO PAC Fund), which is a political fund. The committee's 2019 year-end report also disclosed a payment refunding \$100 to the IFO PAC Fund on December 31, 2019. The excess of \$100 was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
3. The Isaacson committee has not used the Board's Campaign Finance Reporter software to record and report its receipts and expenditures because the software is currently incompatible with the computer used by the committee. The committee did not realize that its acceptance of a \$272.08 in-kind contribution in 2020 caused it to exceed the \$10,000 limit on contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees. The committee also did not realize that it had received \$1,100 in contributions from a single political fund until it began preparing its 2019 year-end report, at which point the excess amount could no longer be returned in order to avoid a violation. In April 2021 the committee issued a check refunding the \$272.08 excess amount to a party unit that contributed to the committee during the 2019-2020 election cycle segment. The IFO PAC Fund provided documentation showing that the check refunding the \$100 excess amount was deposited in January 2020.
4. The parties agree that the committee inadvertently accepted excessive contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, during the 2019-2020 election cycle segment. This is the committee's first violation of the aggregate political party unit and terminating principal campaign committee contribution limit.
5. The parties agree that the committee inadvertently accepted excessive contributions from a single political fund in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1, during the 2019-2020 election cycle segment. This is the committee's first violation of the individual contribution limit.

6. To avoid similar violations in the future, the committee agrees that it:
 - a. Will not accept a contribution from a party unit or a terminating principal campaign committee without first calculating the total amount of contributions accepted from those sources over the course of the current two-year election cycle segment; and
 - b. Will not accept a contribution from any source other than a party unit without first ensuring that the contribution will not cause the committee to exceed the individual contribution limit.
7. The committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$272.08, one times the amount of the violation, for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2. Of this amount, \$100 is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. The remaining \$172.08 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2023. If the committee violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, before January 1, 2023, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the committee does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, before January 1, 2023, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.
8. The committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$100, one times the amount of the violation, for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1. Payment is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties.
9. The committee also agrees to provide to the Board, within 60 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties, a copy of the deposited check or other documentation showing that the check refunding \$272.08 to a party unit has been deposited.
10. If the committee does not comply with the provisions of this agreement, this matter may be reopened by the Board and the Board may take such actions as it deems appropriate.

/s/ Jason Isaacson
Senator Jason Isaacson
Isaacson (Jason) for SD 42

Dated: August 13, 2021

/s/ Stephen Swanson
Stephen Swanson, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: July 28, 2021