

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Raines (Brian) for 34A committee (18503);

1. Raines (Brian) for 34A is the principal campaign committee of candidate Brian Raines. The aggregate special source contribution limit, which includes contributions from lobbyists, political committees and funds, and associations not registered with the Board, was \$14,500 for a candidate for the house of representatives during the 2021-2022 election cycle. The committee's amended 2022 year-end report of receipts and expenditures disclosed a total of \$15,150 in special source contributions. The \$650 in excess special source contributions was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. The committee's treasurer, Adam Fisher, stated that he mistakenly failed to enter a \$1,000 contribution from a political fund made in June 2022 within the Board's Campaign Finance Reporter software. After amending the 2022 year-end report, the committee learned it had exceeded the aggregate special source contribution limit.
3. The parties agree that the committee inadvertently accepted excessive contributions from special source contributors in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, during the 2021-2022 election cycle. This is the committee's first violation of the aggregate special source limit.
4. The candidate agrees that to avoid a similar violation in the future, the committee and any successor committee will transition to using the Board's Campaign Finance Reporter Online application starting with the 2023 reporting year, ensure that the committee's treasurer reviews and enters contributions within 60 days of receipt, run appropriate batch compliance reports, and review and correct all compliance warnings.
5. The committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$165, approximately 25% of the amount of the violation, for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11. The civil penalty is based on the fact that the committee exceeded the aggregate special source limit by \$650, this is the committee's first violation of that limit, and the committee intends to terminate its registration with the Board. The penalty must be paid within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. The committee agrees to terminate its registration with the Board within 90 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties.
6. 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 \$650 has been returned to a special source contributor.

7. 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/ Brian Raines
Brian Raines
Raines (Brian) for 34A

Dated: September 29, 2023

/s/ George W. Soule
George W. Soule, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: September 6, 2023