

Minnesota

***Campaign Finance and
Public Disclosure Board Meeting***

Monday, August 15, 2022
10:30 A.M.
Blazing Star Room
Centennial Office Building

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

1. **Approval of minutes**
 - A. July 6, 2022
2. **Chair's report**
 - A. 2022 Meeting Schedule
3. **Requests to Accept Late Affidavit of Contributions**
4. **Executive director report**
 - A. Ratification of Budget for Fiscal Year 2023
 - B. 2021 Political Contribution Refunds
5. **Enforcement report**
6. **Legal report**
7. **Other business**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Immediately following regular session

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

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July 6, 2022
Blazing Star Room
Centennial Office Building
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MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rashid.

Members present: Asp, Flynn (by Webex), Leppik, Rashid (by Webex) Soule, Swanson

Others present: Sigurdson, Engelhardt, Hager, Olson, staff; Hartshorn, counsel

MINUTES (June 1, 2022 and April 6, 2022)

The following motion was made:

Member Soule's motion: To approve the June 1, 2022, minutes as drafted.

Vote on motion: A roll call vote was taken. All members voted in the affirmative.

The following motion was made:

Member Leppik's motion: To approve the corrected April 6, 2022, minutes as drafted.

Vote on motion: A roll call vote was taken. All members voted in the affirmative.

CHAIR'S REPORT

A. 2022 meeting schedule

The August Board meeting will likely be changed to a different date in August due to scheduling conflicts. After discussion the Board decided that going forward, the Board's regular meeting time will change to 9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Board Operations - Reporting Periods

Mr. Sigurdson provided an overview of the July 25 pre-primary reporting deadline for campaign finance filers as well as the upcoming 24-hour notice period during which certain large contributions received after July 18 must be reported to the Board within 24 hours. Mr. Sigurdson stated that Board staff continues to hold campaign finance compliance training sessions via Webex, which have been well attended.

Staff Activity

Mr. Sigurdson said that he will attend a conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico on July 15 for government entities that provide public financing to political candidates.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

A. Consent Items

1. Administrative termination of lobbyist Rebecca Smith (4955)

Mr. Olson stated that Guadalupe Lopez, executive director of Violence Free Minnesota, has requested the administrative termination of Rebecca Smith as a lobbyist for that principal. Mr. Olson said that Ms. Smith ceased being employed by the principal on February 1, 2022 and the principal attempted to contact Ms. Smith to ask her to file a termination statement but she has not done so. Mr. Olson explained that Board staff terminated Ms. Smith's lobbyist registration as of February 1, 2022 and there are no outstanding disbursement reports.

2. Administrative termination of lobbyist Jens Undlin (4500) and withdrawal of lobbyist registration of Dillon Gherna (5009)

Mr. Olson stated that Dillon Gherna, director of public engagement and intergovernmental relations for the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, has requested the administrative termination of Jens Undlin as a lobbyist for that principal, retroactive to the end of 2021. Mr. Olson said that Mr. Undlin ceased being employed by the principal on May 2, 2022, and did not engage in lobbying in 2022. Mr. Olson explained that Mr. Undlin is currently participating in military basic training and is unable to file a termination statement.

Mr. Olson stated that Mr. Gherna also requested that his own lobbyist registration be terminated retroactively, but Mr. Gherna did not register as a lobbyist until January 4, 2022. Mr. Olson said that because Mr. Gherna stated that neither he nor anyone else engaged in lobbying on behalf of the principal in 2022, Board staff treated this aspect of the request as a request to withdraw Mr. Gherna's lobbyist registration.

Mr. Olson explained that Board staff terminated Mr. Undlin’s lobbyist registration as of December 31, 2021, and tentatively withdrew the lobbyist registration of Mr. Gherna. Mr. Olson that that there are no other lobbyists registered on behalf of the principal and if those requests are approved, there will be no outstanding disbursement reports.

The following motion was made:

Member Soule’s motion: To approve consent items 1 and 2.

Vote on motion: A roll call vote was taken. All members voted in the affirmative.

B. Waiver Requests

| Entity | Late Fee/ Civil Penalty | Report Due | Factors and Recommended Action | Board Member’s Motion | Motion | Vote on Motion |
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| 1. Barsness (Dennis) for MN Senate 5 (18645) | \$275 LFF | 2021 Year-End | Candidate mistakenly filed another copy of the committee’s 2020 year-end report via the CFR software on the due date, 1/31/2022, rather than a 2021 year-end report. The error occurred because the candidate did not initialize the 2021 calendar year within the CFR software because there was no financial activity. Candidate discovered the error in mid-February and immediately filed a 2021 no-change statement on 2/15/2022, listing a cash balance of \$200. Candidate intends to file a termination report after this issue is resolved. RECOMMENDED ACTION: Waive | Soule | Approve the staff recommendation | A roll call vote was taken. All members voted in the affirmative. |

C. Informational Items

1. Payment of late filing fee for 2022 1st quarter report of receipts and expenditures

Marti (Michael) for Minnesota, \$200

2. Payment of late filing fee for 2021 year-end report of receipts and expenditures

MN350 Action Fund, \$500
 7B House District RPM, \$75

Larkin Hoffman Political Fund, \$50

3. Payment of late filing fee for 2020 pre-general report of receipts and expenditures

Local S-6 IAFF Political Fund, \$50

4. Payment of late filing fee for 2020 1st quarter report of receipts and expenditures

Local S-6 IAFF Political Fund, \$25

5. Payment of late filing fee for lobbyist disbursement report due 1/18/2022

Dennis Eagan, \$175

6. Payment of late filing fee for lobbyist principal report due 3/15/2022

Revol Greens MN, LLC, \$200

MN Resource Recovery Association, \$25

Service Employees International Union Council 7, \$25

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Hartshorn presented members with a legal report that is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Hartshorn told members that the Board's default judgment motion has not yet been granted in the Rhoades matter.

REQUEST FOR BOARD GUIDANCE ON PARTY UNIT REGISTRATIONS

Mr. Sigurdson presented members with a memorandum that is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Sigurdson explained that in order to consider the request for guidance, the Board would need to vote to add the item to the meeting agenda because it was not included within the agenda provided to Board members a week in advance of the meeting.

The following motion was made:

Member Leppik's motion: To consider the request for guidance.

Member Swanson asked whether the matter is something that other interest groups and members of the public may be interested in. Members and Board staff discussed the advantages and disadvantages to considering the matter now versus delaying consideration of the matter until a future Board meeting.

After discussion the following motion was made:

Member Soule's motion: To consider the request for guidance.

Vote on motion: A roll call vote was taken. Five members voted in the affirmative, Asp abstained.

David Zoll appeared before the Board on behalf of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party. Mr. Zoll stated that the DFL party unit names in question reflect the manner in which those party units are organized, with the approval of the DFL Party. Mr. Zoll said that party units with names reflecting that they represent a portion of a county have been registered by Board staff in the past.

Board members asked questions about the specific DFL party units referenced in Mr. Sigurdson's memorandum and Mr. Zoll answered those questions. Mr. Zoll said he agrees with option three presented in Mr. Sigurdson's memorandum, which would allow registration of the DFL party units in question for the current election cycle and allow the Board or the legislature to fashion a long-term solution in 2023.

Member Swanson asked about the practical and compliance implications of an association being registered as a party unit versus a political committee. Mr. Sigurdson explained that there are three primary differences. First, a party unit may issue political contribution refund receipts, while a political committee may not. Second, candidates are subject to two aggregate contribution limits, with the aggregate special source limit including contributions from lobbyists and political committees and funds, and the party unit aggregate limit including contributions from party units. Mr. Sigurdson said that candidates are typically more likely to reach the aggregate special source limit than the aggregate party unit limit. Third, political committees and funds are subject to the individual contribution limit when making a contribution to a candidate, while party units are not.

Member Soule asked about the prospect of confusion caused by party units with similar names. Mr. Sigurdson stated that having party units with similar names, such as two party units representing portions of the same county, can cause reporting errors leading to confusion as to the true source of particular contributions. Mr. Sigurdson stated that it also may be confusing to members of the public who are seeking information about a political party's activities within a particular county or legislative district.

Member Leppik asked about option three presented in Mr. Sigurdson's memorandum, which would involve the DFL party units in question being registered as requested by the DFL on the condition that the DFL work with Board staff in 2023 to modify the registrations to represent a single political or geographic area. Mr. Sigurdson explained that option three would not reduce confusion on the part of the public during the current election cycle but it would help ensure that the registrations are processed and that reports are received in a timely manner to ensure disclosure to the public.

Member Swanson asked if the Board could choose option three for the reporting period ending in July only. Mr. Zoll stated that it would be difficult for the entities in question to be restructured in the middle of an election year. Mr. Zoll argued that it is reasonable to interpret the word “a” in Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivision 30, to permit party units to be comprised of the constituent parts of a county, legislative district, etc. Mr. Zoll also said that dictating the manner in which party units must be organized raises freedom of association concerns.

Chair Rashid spoke in favor of option three. Vice Chair Soule also stated his support for option three.

The following motion was made:

Member Soule’s motion: To approve option three in Mr. Sigurdson’s memorandum.

Member Swanson stated that he could support the motion if the predicate is that the Board is taking action as a matter of necessity and is not taking a position on the interpretation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivision 30. Chair Rashid asked that the minutes of the meeting reflect that the Board is taking action as a matter of necessity and for the current year only.

Vote on motion: A roll call vote was taken. Five members voted in the affirmative, Asp abstained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Rashid recessed the regular session of the meeting and called to order the executive session. Upon recess of the executive session, the chair had nothing to report into regular session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Sigurdson
Executive Director

Attachments:
Executive Director’s Report – Board Operations
Legal report
Staff request for Board guidance on DFL party unit registrations



MINNESOTA

CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2022

Meetings are at **9:30 A.M.** unless otherwise noted.

2022

Wednesday, September 7

Wednesday, October 5

Wednesday, November 2

Wednesday, December 7



MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

DATE: August 8, 2022

TO: Board Members

FROM: Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director **TELEPHONE:** (651) 539-1189

RE: Requests to accept public subsidy agreement and affidavits of contributions after the filing deadline

Among the requirements that must be met in order for a candidate to qualify for a public subsidy payment is to submit the public subsidy agreement required in Minnesota Statutes section 10A.322, and the affidavit of contributions required in Minnesota Statutes section 10A.323 by deadlines set in statute. The public subsidy agreement limits the campaign spending of a candidate in exchange for the ability to issue political contribution refunds and potentially receive a public subsidy agreement if other qualifying conditions are met. The agreement may be signed as soon as January 1st of an election cycle for the office sought, but no later than "...at least three weeks before the candidate's state primary. An agreement may not be filed after that date." For the 2022 election the deadline to sign and file the agreement was July 19, 2022.

The affidavit of contributions certifies that the principal campaign committee collected at least the qualifying amount of cash contributions from individuals eligible to vote in Minnesota counting no more than the first \$50 of the contribution. For the office of state representative, the qualifying amount is \$1,500. For the office of state senator, the qualifying amount is \$3,000. As provided in Minnesota Statutes section 10A.323, the affidavit must be submitted to the Board no later than the pre-primary report due date; for the 2021-2022 election cycle segment the deadline was July 25, 2022.

Staff provides information about the public subsidy agreement and affidavit of contributions in several ways. The public subsidy agreement, information on the public subsidy program, and a calendar of important dates are in the filing packet candidates receive when they file for office. A letter was sent to all candidates in June reminding them about the public subsidy program requirements, estimated public subsidy payments for the candidate's district, and deadlines for filing the public subsidy agreement and the affidavit of contributions. The June letter included personalized information to each candidate that informed them as to whether they had formed a candidate committee, signed the public subsidy agreement, and filed the affidavit of contributions. On July 12, staff sent an email reminder of the affidavit of contributions deadline to all candidates who had signed the public subsidy agreement but not submitted the affidavit of contributions; the email was also sent to the candidate's treasurer. Finally, on July 19 and 20 staff placed a reminder phone call to every committee where the candidate had filed the public subsidy agreement but not filed the affidavit of contributions.

In almost all cases when a candidate does not submit a public subsidy agreement, or an affidavit of contributions is not filed, it is because the committee other does not want to participate in the public subsidy program or the committee did not raise the required amount of contributions. Unfortunately, there are also cases when the candidate or treasure believe that the documents have been filed by the respective deadline, or they did not recognize the deadline in time. This year there is one candidate who believed the public subsidy agreement had been filed for his campaign when it had not been received, and three candidates that did not file the affidavit of contributions by the deadline but who state that the committee did raise enough money to qualify. The candidates are asking the Board to accept a late filing of the public subsidy agreement or affidavit of contributions based on circumstances specific to their situation, which are explained later in the memo.

I am not aware of the Board ever accepting a late public subsidy agreement. In 2018 and 2020, the Board did vote to accept late affidavits of contributions from state representative and state senate candidates. The candidates had various reasons for why the deadline was missed; but generally the Board did not consider those reasons in accepting the late filings. Instead, the Board noted that at the time of the requests Minnesota Statutes section 10A.323, provided that the affidavit of contributions required to qualify for a public subsidy payment must be submitted “by the deadline for reporting of receipts and expenditures before a primary under section 10A.20, subdivision 4.” The cross reference to section 10A.20, subdivision 4, was incorrect, as the deadline for submitting the pre-primary report is actually set in section 10A.20, subdivision 2. The Board concluded that the flaw in the statutory cross reference meant that there was not an enforceable deadline for filing the affidavit of contributions, and directed staff to accept the late filings. A statutory change to correct the cross reference was included in the Board’s legislative proposals beginning in 2019. The cross reference was finally corrected in 2021, (Chapter 31 – H.F. 1952).

I do not believe that the executive director has the authority to waive a statutory deadline, therefore I have not accepted a public subsidy agreement or affidavit of contributions filed after the deadline. However, a candidate always has the right to appeal my decisions to the Board. I have asked Mr. Hartshorn to consider whether in his view the Board has the authority to waive a statutory deadline, and to provide guidance to the Board on this issue if requested.

The following is a list of candidates who are requesting that the Board accept their committee’s late filing of either a public subsidy agreement or an affidavit of contributions.

Huldah Nyamisa Momanyi Hiltley, Campaign Fund for Huldah for Senate, Senate District 40 – The candidate contacted staff on July 26, 2022, to explain that the committee focused on putting together the pre-primary report, and found that putting together a report with contributions from 385 individuals caused the committee to run out of time.

Brendan Van Alstyne, Brendan for MN, House District 54B – Mr. Van Alstyne provided a copy of an email he sent submitting the public subsidy agreement on June 24, 2022. The email had a typo in the address and was sent to cgb.reports@state.mn.us, the correct address is cfb.reports@state.mn.us. The mistake was not discovered until after the July 19 filing deadline for the public subsidy agreement when Mr. Van Alstyne submitted an affidavit of contributions on the July 25 deadline and staff notified him that both documents were required to qualify for a public subsidy payment.

Shaun Laden, Committee to Elect Shaun Laden, Senate District 62 – Emily Scott, the treasurer for the committee, explained that she was focused on filing the pre-primary report, and that the affidavit of contributions was not on her list of things that needed to be done.

Bradley Brown, Brown (Bradley) for MN House, House District 27B – Judy Walker, the treasurer for the committee, states that she had computer problems that forced her to file the pre-primary report on paper, and that during the rush to complete the pre-primary report she mistakenly believed that the pre-primary report and affidavit of contributions were the same document.

Attachments

Email from Huldah Nyamisa Momanyi Hiltley

Email from Brendan Van Alstyne

Email from Shaun Laden

Email from Bradley Brown

From: Huldah Hiltley <huldah4senate@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 6:29 AM

To: CFBEEmail <cfb.reports@state.mn.us>

Subject: Finalizing our Affidavit of Contributions

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Hello Melissa and team,

We wanted to reach out and inform you and your team that we are finalizing our Affidavit of Contributions report that was due 7/25/2022. Unfortunately, we were so focused on individual contributions and making sure we were gathering the right information from over 385 individuals. By the time we realized we also needed to gather similar information for our expenditures, we had run out of time especially with the limited bandwidth of the team and a contested primary race.

Ultimately, we are hoping to finalize this report within the day and will send it over.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Joyful regards,
Team Huldah for Senate
SD 38

Sigurdson, Jeff (CFB)

From: Brendan VanAlstyne <brendan@brendanformn.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 3:24 PM
To: Sigurdson, Jeff (CFB)
Subject: Request by HD54B Candidate Brendan Van Alstyne for the CFB to accept the Public Subsidy Agreement
Attachments: Public Subsidy Agreement.pdf; Affidavit of contributions_House_2022.pdf; Affidavit Submission.PNG; Subsidy Agreement Submission.PNG

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Esteemed members of Minnesota's Campaign Finance Board,

I hope that you will reverse the decisions to deny my campaign the public subsidy, as I feel that I have satisfied all of the requirements, and it is being withheld due only to the smallest mistake. I submitted the Public Subsidy Agreement on June 24th and the Affidavit of Contributions was submitted on July 23rd. I have attached screenshots of those emails as proof that they met the deadline, and I have attached copies of the Agreement and the Affidavit for you to review if necessary. My campaign managed to raise the required \$1500 from individual \$50 or less donations, a feat I wasn't sure we could pull off and of which my team is quite proud. On July 26th I received an email from Jeff Sigurdson which, to my surprise, said that my campaign did not qualify for the public subsidy. Through our correspondence it was discovered that I had accidentally submitted my Public Subsidy Agreement to cgb.reports@state.mn.us instead of cfb.reports@state.mn.us (as can be seen in picture showing the submission of the Public Subsidy Agreement). It's funny how a one-letter typo can be so costly. This typo prevented my Public Subsidy Agreement from getting through to the board, which has caused my campaign to fail to qualify for the subsidy when we would have otherwise received it. I am embarrassed by this blunder, but I hope that such a mistake is understandable and even forgivable. I humbly ask the Board to overlook this error and, if all else is in order, to grant my campaign access to the public subsidy.

Thank you for your consideration,
Brendan Van Alstyne



Brendan VanAlstyne

To: cgb.reports@state.mn.us



Fri 6/24/2022 1:21 PM

 Public Subsidy Agreement.pdf
247 KB

Hello,

I am Brendan Van Alstyne, filing the public subsidy agreement on behalf of the Brendan For MN campaign. I have attached it to this email.

Thanks,
Brendan

Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

PUBLIC SUBSIDY AGREEMENT

House of Representatives

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|---|---|
| Candidate's Name Brendan Van Alstyne | |
| Office Sought House of Representatives | District MN HD 54B |
| Telephone with area code 6127877311 | Email address brendan@brendanformn.org |
| Committee registration number 18703 | |

Terms of Agreement:

As a candidate for the house of representatives, I wish to participate in Minnesota's public subsidy system, which consists of a political contribution refund program and a program of direct payments to candidates. I understand that signing this agreement does not guarantee that I will receive direct payments under that portion of the public subsidy system. As a condition of participating in the public subsidy programs, I hereby agree to the following:

1. I and my principal campaign committee will abide by the statutory campaign expenditure limit for a house of representatives candidate through December 31, 2022. I understand that campaign expenditures include the total of my committee's monetary campaign expenditures, in-kind campaign expenditures, and unpaid campaign expenditures during the two-year election cycle and that the base expenditure limit for my committee during the 2021 - 2022 election cycle is currently set at \$68,500; however, that amount may be adjusted in 2022.
2. I will not contribute to my principal campaign committee more than \$5,000 in total during the two-year period from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022. I understand that my contribution total includes my cash and in-kind contributions and the outstanding balance of any loans I make to my principal campaign committee.
3. My principal campaign committee will return with its 2022 year-end report of receipts and expenditures the amount of public subsidy received (if any) that exceeds my actual campaign expenditures.
4. I and my principal campaign committee will make no independent expenditures.
5. I and my principal campaign committee will comply with Minnesota Statutes section 10A.38, which relates to closed captioning for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons.

I have read and understand this agreement and I understand that it is a binding legal contract. I know that once I sign and file it, I may not cancel or rescind it even if I do not meet the other requirements to receive direct payments of public subsidy.

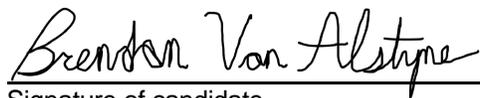


Signature of candidate

06/24/22

Date signed

Statement of qualification for first-time candidate campaign expenditure limit increase (see instructions). I have reviewed the requirements for a first-time campaign expenditure limit increase and by signing below, I claim eligibility for this increase.



Signature of candidate

06/24/22

Date signed

Sigurdson, Jeff (CFB)

From: Emily Falencykowski-Scott (personal) <emily.susann@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 5:53 PM
To: Sigurdson, Jeff (CFB); Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)
Cc: Shaun Laden
Subject: Re: Notice from Campaign Finance Board
Attachments: Affidavit of Contributions.pdf

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Greetings Jeff,

I am the Treasurer for Shaun Laden, campaign committee 18923, and am writing to see if there is any way I can repair the fact that I did not file the Affidavit of Contributions yesterday. I did send it to the board today, and printed a copy attached here. As a volunteer, I believe I have probably overextended myself, and this just slipped my radar when I filed Shaun's campaign finance report this weekend. I feel truly terrible and hope there is something I can do to fix this situation.

Please let me know if you have any advice here.

Many thanks, hoping to connect soon,

Emily Scott
Mobile: +1 507 304 2713
E-mail: emily.susann@gmail.com

On Tue, Jul 26, 2022 at 3:41 PM Shaun Laden <shaunladen@gmail.com> wrote:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Sigurdson, Jeff (CFB) <jeff.sigurdson@state.mn.us>
Date: Tue, Jul 26, 2022 at 2:19 PM
Subject: Notice from Campaign Finance Board
To: shaunladen@gmail.com <shaunladen@gmail.com>

July 26, 2022

Shaun Laden

Committee to Elect Shaun Laden

2544 Harriet Ave S #106

Minneapolis, MN 55405

Sent 1st Class Mail and Email

Dear Candidate Laden,

This letter is to ensure that you are aware that the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board did not receive an affidavit of contributions from your committee by the July 25, 2022 deadline. Therefore, your committee is not eligible to receive a public subsidy payment for the 2022 election.

If you believe that the Board records are in error, and that your committee did file the affidavit by the deadline, it is vital that you contact me as soon as possible.

Your committee may continue to issue political contribution receipts to donors. The expenditure and candidate contribution limits agreed to when you signed the public subsidy agreement are still in effect for your committee. The public subsidy agreement remains in effect until December 31, 2022.

Sincerely,

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

Sigurdson, Jeff (CFB)

From: Judy Walker <judydelameter@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 3:52 PM
To: Sigurdson, Jeff (CFB); Stevens, Melissa (CFB); Brad Brown
Subject: re: Affidavit of Contributions Brad Brown
Attachments: Brad Brown Affidavit of Contributions.pdf

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Dear Mr. Sigurdson,

I am the treasurer for Bradley Brown for Mn House. My computer hard drive died last week and I submitted the report to the board on Monday of our Contributions and Receipts that was due for the period ending 7-18-22. I had to do it manually as I was unable to access the CFB software. Melissa confirmed she received it.

In the hubbub of computer problems I missed the Affidavit in question. What we DID do is send in the Public Subsidy Agreement and Melissa told me we had not needed to do that one and that you needed the Affidavit of Contributions instead. I misunderstood and thought the report I was filing manually WAS the Affidavit in question.

Does that make any bit of sense to you? This is exactly how it happened that we missed our deadline on it. Is there anyway leeway for confusion ?

I am sure you have heard it all. I was fully aware of the deadline of my board report that was due 7-25-22. I was trying my hardest to follow the rules.

Sincerely, Judy Walker



MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Date: August 8, 2022

To: Board Members

From: Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director

Telephone: 651-539-1189

Re: Executive Director's Report

Ratification of Budget for Fiscal Year 2023

At the start of each state fiscal year the Board ratifies the budget developed by staff using salary projections and other estimated costs provided by the Small Agency Resource Team (SmART). Attached is the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023. The state fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

The base budget for fiscal year 2023 is \$1,167,000 which reflects a \$22,000 increase (2%) from the base in fiscal year 2022. In addition, state agencies may carry forward unexpended funds from the first year of the biennium. The approximate carryforward from fiscal year 2022 is \$47,000; the majority of that amount represents salary savings that accrued between when Jodi Pope retired and when William Hager was hired to fill the position.

The fixed costs of staff compensation and office rent account for \$1,063,000, or 88% of the total budget. The attached budget breaks down the anticipated expenditures for fiscal year 2023 by general category, all estimated costs are rounded up. The budget is a working document, and some changes to the allocation of funds almost certainly will occur during the course of the year. I will report any major changes or shortfalls to the Board. Any funds left over at the end of fiscal year 2023 are returned to the state general fund.

A motion and vote to ratify the budget is required.

Political Contribution Refunds in 2021: The political contribution refund (PCR) program is administered by the Department of Revenue (DOR) as provided in Minnesota Statutes section 290.06. The program provides that an eligible Minnesota voter who makes a cash contribution to a candidate who has signed the public subsidy agreement, or to a major or minor political party unit, may apply for a refund from the DOR. The maximum amount that may be refunded in a calendar year is \$50 per person, or \$100 per married couple. The DOR tracks refunds so that no individual receives more than a \$50 refund in a calendar year.

The Campaign Finance Board provides a computer file to the DOR that lists all candidate committees that have a current public subsidy agreement on file and all political party units

registered with the Board. The DOR uses that information to verify that the donor gave to a candidate or party unit eligible to issue a PCR receipt. The Board also provides paper PCR receipt forms to eligible candidates and party units and has developed the Campaign Finance Reporter software so that the software can be used to generate a PCR receipt.

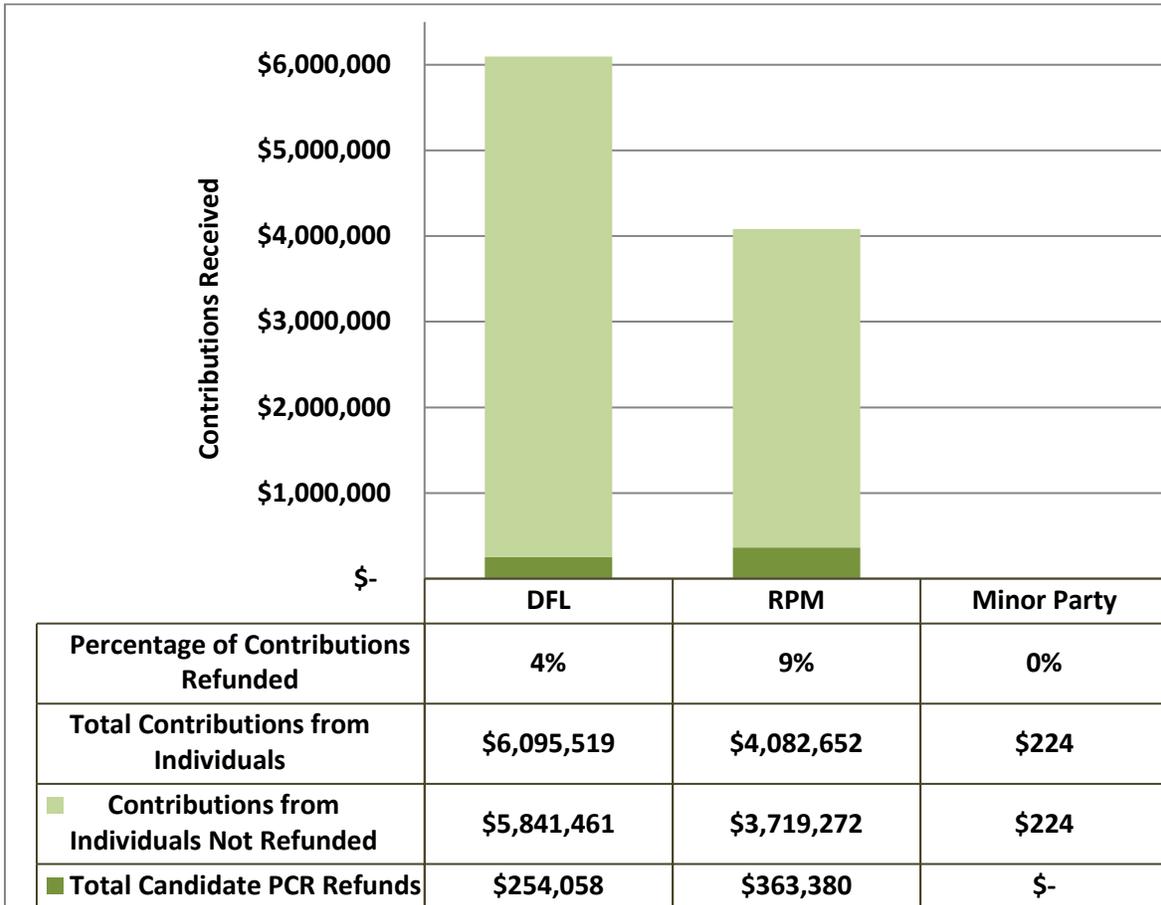
In August of each year the DOR reports to the Board the number of PCR refunds, and the total value of the refunds, issued to donors in the prior calendar year. The report provides the refund totals for individual candidate committees and political party units. The report is posted on the Board's website at <https://cfb.mn.gov/citizen-resources/board-programs/public-subsidy-of-campaigns/historical-use-of-public-subsidy-program/>. On the website there are separate reports for candidates and party units for the years 2013 through 2021.

The Board compares the PCR refunds issued for contributions to candidates and political party units to the contributions disclosed on the reports of receipts and expenditures filed with the Board. The comparison is used to verify that the value of the refunds issued to contributors to a candidate or party unit do not exceed the contributions reported as received by that same candidate or party unit.

In 2021 the DOR issued 31,666 refunds with a total value of \$2,196,863. Of that amount \$618,688 was issued for contributions made to candidates, and \$1,578,174 was issued for contributions to political parties.

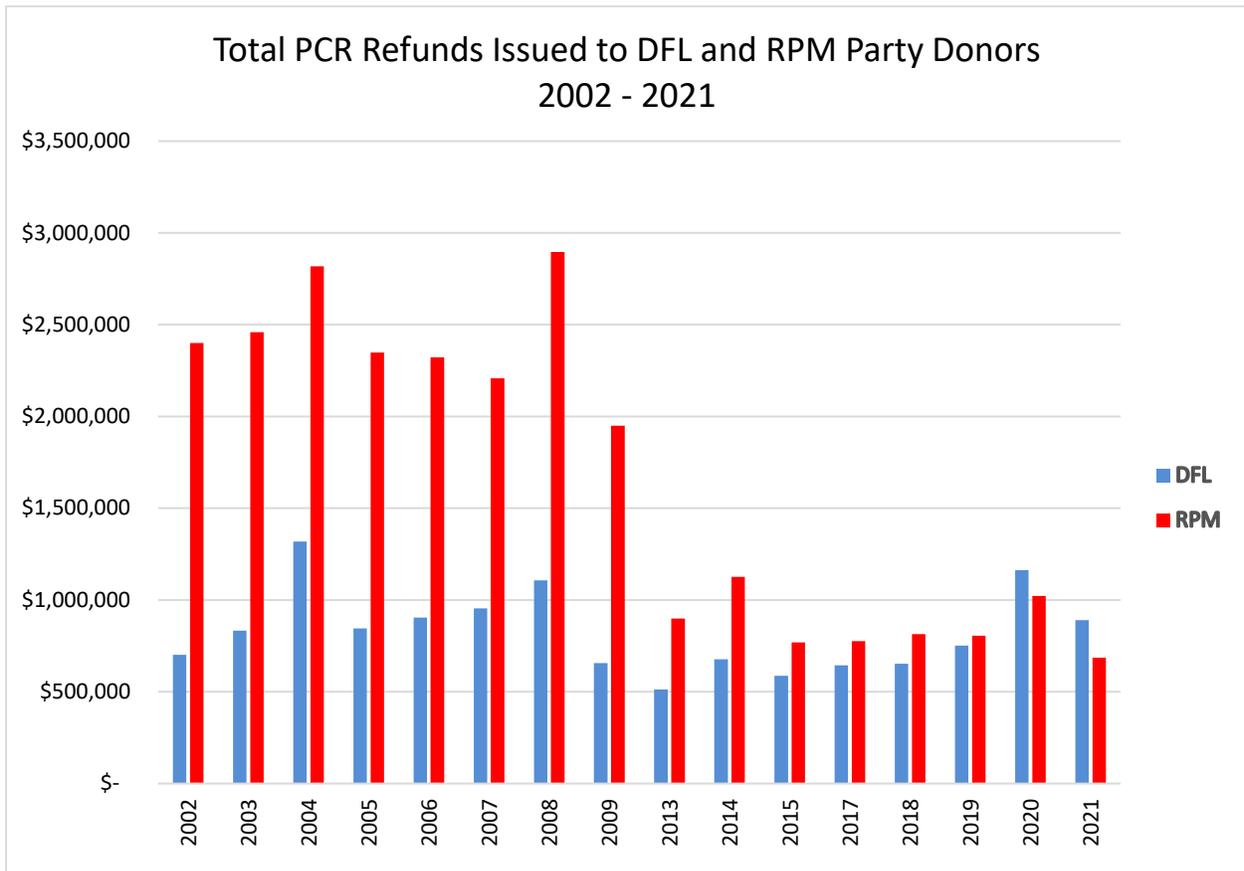
In 2021, individuals contributed about \$2,000,000 more in total contributions to DFL candidates than RPM candidates. Nonetheless, in total, individuals who contributed to RPM candidates were refunded about \$1,000,000 more by the DOR than contributors to DFL candidates. The DOR refunded about 9% of all funds contributed to RPM candidates by individuals, compared to about 4% for individuals who contributed to DFL candidates, as seen in Figure 1.

Figure 1 2021 Candidate Contributions Refunded Compared to Total Contributions Received from Individuals



Historically, RPM party units have issued more PCR receipts than DFL party units, but for the second year in a row individuals who contributed to DFL party units received more in total refunds, \$890,347, than contributors to RPM party units, \$684,997. Total refunds generated by contributions to political party units have increased over the last two years, but remain at a much lower level than occurred from 2002 to 2009, see Figure 2.

Figure 2



In 2021 contributors to minor political parties received the following total refunds: the Independence Alliance Party, \$750, the Legal Marijuana Now Party, \$150, the Libertarian Party of Minnesota, \$600, and the Grassroots Legalize Cannabis Party, \$1,240.

The 2021 reports for PCR refunds issued by specific candidate committees and political party units are attached to this report.

Attachments

- Fiscal Year 2023 Board Operations Budget
- 2021 PCR Refunds by Candidate Committees
- 2021 PCR Refunds by Political Party Units

| | | | | |
|--------------|---|--|--------------------------------|--|
| | Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget Detail | | | |
| | | | | |
| Acct | | | Fiscal Year 2023 Budget | |
| 41000 | Full time salaries - benefits | | 1,018,000 | |
| | | | | |
| 41050 | Overtime | | 3,000 | |
| | | | | |
| 41070 | Other Benefits | | 4,500 | |
| | | | | |
| 41100 | Space Rental - Office Lease | | 45,000 | |
| | | | | |
| 41110 | Printing and advertising | | 20,000 | |
| | | | | |
| 41130 | Prof Technical Services | | 5,000 | |
| | | | | |
| 41150 | Computer systems and services | | 18,000 | |
| | | | | |
| 41155 | Communications - Cental Mail | | 15,000 | |
| | | | | |
| 41160 | Travel - in state | | 2,000 | |
| | | | | |
| 41170 | Travel - Out of State | | 3,000 | |
| | | | | |

| | | | | |
|-------|--|--|-----------|--|
| 41180 | Employee development | | 7,000 | |
| | | | | |
| 41190 | State agency provided tech svcs | | 10,000 | |
| | | | | |
| 41196 | Centralized IT (MN.IT) | | 13,500 | |
| | | | | |
| 41300 | Supplies | | 8,000 | |
| | | | | |
| 41400 | Equip. rental (copier) | | 9,000 | |
| | | | | |
| 41500 | Maintenance and repairs | | 2,000 | |
| | | | | |
| 42020 | Attorney General Court Costs | | 3,000 | |
| | | | | |
| 43000 | Other operating costs | | 21,000 | |
| | | | | |
| 47160 | Equipment | | 7,000 | |
| | | | | |
| | Appropriation | | 1,167,000 | |
| | Carry forward in from Fiscal Year 2022 | | 47,000 | |
| | Total available | | 1,214,000 | |
| | Operating exp total | | 1,214,000 | |
| | Balance | | 0 | |

2021 Contribution Refund Summary for Candidate Committees

Note: Contributions from a married couple filing jointly are reported as one contribution

| Candidate Name | Office Sought | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|
| DFL | | | |
| Acomb, Patty | House | 106 | \$5,115.21 |
| Agbaje, Esther | House | 7 | \$561.36 |
| Ansbacher, Cynthia (Cindy) | House | 3 | \$150.00 |
| Bahner, Kristin | House | 1 | \$50.00 |
| Bakk, Thomas (Tom) | Senate - 3 | 32 | \$2,345.83 |
| Becker-Finn, Jamie | House - 42B | 45 | \$2,228.19 |
| Berg, Kaela Jo | House | 12 | \$616.95 |
| Bernardy, Connie | House - 41A | 85 | \$5,919.23 |
| Bierman, Robert | House | 145 | \$11,850.00 |
| Bigham, Karla | Senate | 101 | \$7,650.00 |
| Blaha, Julie | State Auditor | 13 | \$779.09 |
| Boldon, Liz | House | 14 | \$876.66 |
| Borrud, Aleta | Senate | 61 | \$3,913.16 |
| Brand, Jeff | House | 49 | \$3,500.71 |
| Cahill, Caitlin | House | 56 | \$3,801.42 |
| Calhoun, Tamara | House | 1 | \$50.00 |
| Carlson, (Robert) Andrew | House - 50B | 60 | \$3,825.00 |
| Carlson, James | Senate - 51 | 85 | \$5,727.88 |
| Christensen, Shelly (Michelle) | House | 7 | \$525.00 |
| Clausen, Gregory | Senate - 57 | 3 | \$200.00 |
| Cumings, Paul | House | 24 | \$1,483.33 |

| Candidate Name | Office Sought | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Cwodzinski, Steve | Senate - 48 | 90 | \$6,483.03 |
| Dibble, D Scott | Senate - 61 | 1 | \$50.00 |
| Dorry, Kari | Senate | 39 | \$2,473.06 |
| Dziedzic, Kari (Karen) | Senate - 60 | 40 | \$2,650.00 |
| Ecklund, Robert | House - 3A | 154 | \$12,627.49 |
| Edelson, Heather | House - 49A | 30 | \$2,114.28 |
| Eken, Kent | Senate - 4 | 45 | \$4,050.00 |
| Elkins, Steve | House | 27 | \$1,807.14 |
| Ellison, Keith | Attorney General | 43 | \$2,538.46 |
| Emmerich, Justin | Senate | 23 | \$1,650.00 |
| Fateh, Omar | Senate | 26 | \$1,327.00 |
| Feist, Sandra | House | 52 | \$3,798.32 |
| Fischer, Peter | House - 43A | 28 | \$2,125.00 |
| Flick, Sara | Senate | 13 | \$632.69 |
| Franzen, Melisa Lopez | Senate - 49 | 39 | \$2,658.32 |
| Frazier, Cedrick | House | 2 | \$166.66 |
| Frederick, Luke | House | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Freeberg, Sheigh | Senate | 13 | \$740.00 |
| Freiberg, Mike | House - 45B | 90 | \$4,347.00 |
| Frentz, Nick Andrew | Senate - 19 | 2 | \$65.00 |
| Gomez, Aisha | House | 6 | \$350.00 |
| Greenman, Emma | House | 43 | \$2,232.26 |
| Hansen, Richard (Rick) | House - 52A | 115 | \$7,453.33 |
| Hanson, Jessica | House | 6 | \$350.00 |
| Hawj, Foung | Senate - 67 | 62 | \$4,450.00 |

| Candidate Name | Office Sought | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Hemmingsen-Jaeger, Amand | House | 1 | \$50.00 |
| Her, Kaohly | House | 16 | \$971.79 |
| Hoffman, John | Senate - 36 | 18 | \$1,175.00 |
| Hornstein, Frank | House - 61A | 7 | \$533.33 |
| Hortman, Melissa | House - 36B | 43 | \$3,024.99 |
| Howard, Michael | House | 21 | \$1,305.00 |
| Huot, John Duffy | House - 57B | 35 | \$1,928.58 |
| Keeler, Heather | House | 17 | \$1,042.00 |
| Kent, Susan | Senate - 53 | 1 | \$50.00 |
| Klein, Matthew | Senate - 52 | 38 | \$2,464.99 |
| Koegel, Erin | House | 5 | \$400.00 |
| Kotyza-Witthuhn, Carlie | House | 25 | \$1,441.66 |
| Kunesh, Mary | Senate | 27 | \$1,729.47 |
| Kunesh-Podein, Mary | House | 4 | \$250.00 |
| Kupec, Rob | Senate | 2 | \$100.00 |
| Latz, Ronald | Senate - 46 | 2 | \$120.00 |
| Lee, Kaozouapa Elizabeth | House | 3 | \$170.00 |
| Lee, Fue | House - 59A | 1 | \$50.00 |
| Liebling, Tina | House - 26A | 42 | \$2,846.21 |
| Lienemann, Leslie | Senate | 10 | \$605.00 |
| Lillie, Leon | House - 43B | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Lippert, Todd | House | 7 | \$227.27 |
| Lislegard, David | House | 5 | \$400.00 |
| Livingston, Nancy | Senate | 2 | \$125.00 |
| Long, James (Jamie) | House | 4 | \$250.00 |

| Candidate Name | Office Sought | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Malchow, Katie | House | 14 | \$975.00 |
| Marty, John | Senate - 66 | 60 | \$4,495.00 |
| Masin, Sandra | House - 51A | 11 | \$825.00 |
| McEwen, Jen | Senate | 31 | \$1,835.00 |
| McLean, Nancy | Senate | 9 | \$650.00 |
| Mitchell, Nicole | Senate | 13 | \$1,100.00 |
| Moller, Kelly | House | 135 | \$10,150.00 |
| Moran, Rena | House - 65A | 3 | \$200.00 |
| Murphy, Erin | Senate | 43 | \$2,870.00 |
| Murphy, Mary | House - 3B | 2 | \$150.00 |
| Nelson, Michael | House - 40A | 34 | \$2,275.00 |
| Newton, Jerry | Senate | 3 | \$150.00 |
| Norris, Matt | House | 22 | \$1,750.00 |
| Olson, Elizabeth (Liz) | House - 7B | 29 | \$1,657.91 |
| Pappas, Sandra | Senate - 65 | 47 | \$2,704.99 |
| Pelowski Jr, Gene | House - 28A | 5 | \$450.00 |
| Pinto, David | House - 64B | 100 | \$6,452.35 |
| Port, Lindsey | Senate | 32 | \$1,609.51 |
| Pryor, Laurie | House | 58 | \$4,408.33 |
| Pursell, Kristi | House | 1 | \$50.00 |
| Putnam, Aric | Senate | 56 | \$3,830.00 |
| Ramsammy, Ashton | House | 1 | \$50.00 |
| Rehrauer, Kari | Senate | 18 | \$1,250.00 |
| Rest, Ann | Senate - 45 | 21 | \$1,440.49 |
| Reyer, Lizabeth | House | 39 | \$2,540.00 |

| Candidate Name | Office Sought | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Sanberg, Kimberly | House | 7 | \$400.00 |
| Sandell, Stephen (Steve) | House | 3 | \$150.00 |
| Sandstede, Julie | House - 6A | 44 | \$3,250.00 |
| Sant, Samir | Senate | 10 | \$750.00 |
| Schultz, Jennifer | House - 7A | 47 | \$3,600.00 |
| Stephenson, Zachary | House | 32 | \$2,296.42 |
| Stewart, Ann Johnson | Senate | 55 | \$3,105.71 |
| Stiehm, Thomas | House | 35 | \$2,542.37 |
| Stofferahn, Justin | House | 32 | \$2,400.00 |
| Sundin, Mike | House - 11A | 9 | \$650.00 |
| Tabke, Brad | House | 93 | \$6,981.53 |
| Tedesco, Anthony | Senate | 11 | \$725.00 |
| Timmerman, Robert | Senate | 1 | \$50.00 |
| Tomassoni, David | Senate - 6 | 100 | \$7,800.00 |
| Tschimperle, Chad | Senate | 5 | \$400.00 |
| Vang, Samantha | House | 12 | \$600.00 |
| Wazlawik, Ami | House - 38B | 11 | \$774.99 |
| Wehyee, Yakasah | House | 3 | \$150.00 |
| Westlin, Bonnie | Senate | 54 | \$3,125.00 |
| Wiger, Charles (Chuck) | Senate - 43 | 26 | \$2,025.00 |
| Wiklund, Melissa Halvorson | Senate - 50 | 43 | \$2,750.00 |
| Winkler, Ryan | House | 5 | \$225.00 |
| Wolgamott, Dan | House | 35 | \$2,171.81 |
| Xiong, Jay | House | 15 | \$730.00 |
| Youakim, Cheryl | House - 46B | 49 | \$3,268.89 |

| Candidate Name | Office Sought | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| | Party Total | 3,761 | \$254,558.65 |
| RPM | | | |
| Abeler, Jim | Senate - 35 | 54 | \$4,158.33 |
| Akland, D. Susan (Susie) | House | 62 | \$4,749.99 |
| Anderson, Darrin | House - 18A | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Anderson, Paul | House - 12B | 9 | \$750.00 |
| Anderson, Bruce | Senate - 29 | 5 | \$325.00 |
| Attia, Karen | Senate | 12 | \$850.00 |
| Backer, Jeff | House - 12A | 52 | \$4,281.16 |
| Bahr, Calvin (Cal) | House - 31B | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Baker, David (Dave) | House - 17B | 3 | \$169.99 |
| Bennett, Peggy | House - 27A | 50 | \$3,993.33 |
| Benson, Michelle | Governor | 91 | \$7,661.66 |
| Bergstrom, Donna | Senate | 3 | \$250.00 |
| Bishofsky, Mark | House | 66 | \$3,633.32 |
| Bliss, Matt | House - 5A | 24 | \$1,850.00 |
| Boe, Greg | House | 33 | \$2,349.99 |
| Buria, Julie | House | 22 | \$2,000.00 |
| Burkel, John | House | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Chamberlain, Roger | Senate - 38 | 4 | \$200.00 |
| Coleman, Julia | Senate | 6 | \$350.00 |
| Dahms, Gary | Senate - 16 | 238 | \$11,296.93 |
| Daniels, Brian | House - 24B | 66 | \$5,436.67 |
| Daudt, Kurt | House - 31A | 37 | \$2,890.00 |
| Demuth, Lisa | House | 2 | \$75.00 |

| Candidate Name | Office Sought | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Dettmer, Bob | House - 39A | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Dornink, Gene | Senate | 66 | \$5,146.66 |
| Dotseth, Jeff | House | 44 | \$3,405.00 |
| Draheim, Rich | Senate - 20 | 2 | \$100.00 |
| Drazkowski, Steven | House - 21B | 11 | \$1,000.00 |
| Duckworth, Zach | Senate | 10 | \$840.00 |
| Eichorn, Justin | Senate | 37 | \$3,200.00 |
| Erickson, Sondra | House - 15A | 78 | \$6,276.67 |
| Farnsworth, Robert (Rob) | House | 27 | \$2,550.00 |
| Franke, Keith | House - 54A | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Franson, Mary | House - 8B | 117 | \$8,852.64 |
| Ganzer, Brad | House | 10 | \$750.00 |
| Garofalo, Patrick | House - 58B | 3 | \$250.00 |
| Gazelka, Paul | Senate - 9 | 28 | \$2,269.90 |
| Goggin, Michael | Senate - 21 | 17 | \$1,270.00 |
| Green, Steve | House - 2B | 48 | \$4,075.00 |
| Gruenhagen, Glenn | House - 18B | 144 | \$11,531.67 |
| Haley, Barbara Ann May | House - 21A | 106 | \$9,320.00 |
| Hall, Dan | Senate - 56 | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Heinrich, John | House | 20 | \$1,726.66 |
| Heintzeman, Joshua | House - 10A | 92 | \$7,425.00 |
| Helseth, Marla | Senate | 4 | \$400.00 |
| Hertaus, Jerome Allan (Jerry) | House - 33A | 3 | \$100.00 |
| Holmgren, Paul | Senate | 2 | \$100.00 |
| Holston, Van | House | 2 | \$200.00 |

| Candidate Name | Office Sought | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Housley, Karin | Senate - 39 | 60 | \$3,845.00 |
| Howe, Jeff | Senate | 64 | \$5,070.00 |
| Igo, Spencer | House | 22 | \$1,880.00 |
| Ingebrigtsen, William (Bill) | Senate - 8 | 57 | \$4,900.00 |
| Jacob, Steven | House | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Jahner Byrne, Kelly | Secretary of State | 12 | \$875.00 |
| Jahner-Byrne, Kelly | House | 9 | \$600.00 |
| Jasinski, John | Senate - 24 | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Jensen, Scott | Governor | 1260 | \$65,928.15 |
| Johnson, Brian | House - 32A | 30 | \$2,350.00 |
| Johnson, Mark Timothy | Senate | 19 | \$1,310.00 |
| Jurgens, Tony | House | 2 | \$150.00 |
| Kiel, Debra (Deb) | House - 1B | 71 | \$6,249.23 |
| Kiffmeyer, Mary | Senate - 30 | 57 | \$4,650.00 |
| Koran, Mark | Senate - 32 | 15 | \$1,050.00 |
| Koznick, Jon | House - 58A | 68 | \$6,020.00 |
| Kresha, Ronald | House - 9B | 2 | \$150.00 |
| Lang, Andrew | Senate - 17 | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Limmer, Warren | Senate - 34 | 37 | \$2,874.99 |
| Loonan, Robert (Bob) | House - 55A | 35 | \$2,850.00 |
| Lucero, Eric | House - 30B | 79 | \$6,175.00 |
| Lueck, Dale | House - 10B | 2 | \$99.99 |
| Maresh, William | House | 9 | \$750.00 |
| Mathews, Andrew | Senate - 15 | 37 | \$2,535.00 |
| Mekeland, Shane | House | 10 | \$800.00 |

| Candidate Name | Office Sought | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Miller, Jeremy | Senate - 28 | 68 | \$5,390.00 |
| Miller, Nathan | Senate | 2 | \$100.00 |
| Mueller, Patricia | House | 57 | \$4,696.66 |
| Munson, Jeremy | House | 61 | \$4,376.67 |
| Myers, Andrew | House | 12 | \$784.48 |
| Myhra, Pamela (Pam) | State Auditor | 1 | \$50.00 |
| Myhra, Pam | House | 31 | \$2,011.48 |
| Nash, Jim | House - 47A | 33 | \$2,549.99 |
| Nelson, Carla | Senate - 26 | 54 | \$3,681.25 |
| Neu, Anne | House | 18 | \$1,370.83 |
| Newman, Scott | Senate - 18 | 1 | \$25.00 |
| Norri, Matthew | House | 4 | \$300.00 |
| Novotny, Paul | House | 63 | \$4,757.40 |
| O'Driscoll, Tim | House - 13B | 31 | \$2,565.00 |
| Olson, Christian Bjorn | House | 77 | \$6,750.00 |
| O'Neill, Marion Olivia | House - 29B | 1 | \$40.00 |
| Osmek, David | Senate - 33 | 26 | \$1,725.00 |
| Pafko, Frank | House | 2 | \$150.00 |
| Petersburg, John | House - 24A | 23 | \$1,566.67 |
| Pfarr, Brian | House | 18 | \$1,460.00 |
| Poston, John | House - 9A | 19 | \$970.00 |
| Pratt, Eric | Senate - 55 | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Raleigh, Donald | House | 47 | \$3,316.66 |
| Rarick, Jason | Senate | 6 | \$425.00 |
| Rasmusson, Jordan | House | 78 | \$6,309.02 |

| Candidate Name | Office Sought | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Robbins, Kristin | House | 51 | \$4,400.00 |
| Rosen, Julie | Senate - 23 | 40 | \$2,800.00 |
| Ruud, Carrie | Senate - 10 | 30 | \$2,350.00 |
| Scanlon, Joseph | House | 44 | \$3,900.00 |
| Schomacker, Joe | House - 22A | 3 | \$200.00 |
| Schwanke, Ben | Senate | 65 | \$3,148.56 |
| Scott, Peggy Sue | House - 35B | 60 | \$5,200.00 |
| Senjem, David | Senate - 25 | 94 | \$7,886.67 |
| Settell, Tomas | Senate | 12 | \$850.00 |
| Simmons, Scott | House | 20 | \$1,490.00 |
| Sina, Candice (Candy) | Senate - 42 | 26 | \$1,975.00 |
| Skraba, Roger | House | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Smith, Fern | House | 42 | \$2,880.12 |
| Swedzinski, Chris | House - 16A | 4 | \$225.00 |
| Theis, Tama | House - 14A | 39 | \$3,263.46 |
| Torkelson, Paul | House - 16B | 46 | \$3,020.00 |
| Urdahl, Dean | House - 18A | 33 | \$2,400.00 |
| Utke, Paul | Senate | 3 | \$150.00 |
| Weber, Bill | Senate - 22 | 52 | \$3,890.45 |
| West, Nolan | House - 37B | 59 | \$4,824.99 |
| Westrom, Torrey | Senate - 12 | 48 | \$3,631.90 |
| | Party Total | 5,182 | \$364,130.19 |
| | Grand Total | 8,943 | \$618,688.84 |

2021 Contribution Refund Summary for Political Party Units

Note: Contributions from a married couple filing jointly are reported as one contribution

| Party Units | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Democratic Farmer Labor Party | | |
| 6th Senate District DFL | 1 | \$50.00 |
| 11A House District DFL | 4 | \$300.00 |
| 13th Senate District DFL | 12 | \$700.00 |
| 14th Senate District DFL | 8 | \$458.17 |
| 16th Senate District DFL | 8 | \$480.00 |
| 19th Senate District DFL (Old) | 13 | \$875.00 |
| 1st Congressional District DFL | 8 | \$650.00 |
| 24th Senate District DFL (Old) | 1 | \$25.00 |
| 25B House District DFL | 35 | \$2,760.00 |
| 26th Senate District DFL (Old) | 32 | \$1,618.74 |
| 29th Senate District DFL | 42 | \$3,195.00 |
| 2nd Congressional District DFL | 11 | \$360.92 |
| 30th Senate District DFL | 8 | \$500.00 |
| 31st Senate District DFL (Old) | 3 | \$300.00 |
| 32nd Senate District DFL | 33 | \$2,850.00 |
| 33rd Senate District DFL (Old) | 65 | \$5,203.33 |
| 34th Senate District DFL (Old) | 2 | \$150.00 |
| 35th Senate District DFL (Old) | 10 | \$925.00 |
| 37th Senate District DFL (Old) | 7 | \$650.00 |
| 38th Senate District DFL (Old) | 6 | \$400.00 |
| 39th Senate District DFL (Old) | 28 | \$2,079.17 |

| Party Units | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 3rd Congressional District DFL | 1 | \$50.00 |
| 40th Senate District DFL (Old) | 3 | \$300.00 |
| 41st Senate District DFL (Old) | 29 | \$517.11 |
| 42nd Senate District DFL (Old) | 11 | \$455.99 |
| 44th Senate District DFL (Old) | 50 | \$3,650.00 |
| 45th Senate District DFL (Old) | 2 | \$130.00 |
| 46th Senate District DFL (Old) | 8 | \$575.00 |
| 47th Senate District DFL (Old) | 16 | \$1,125.00 |
| 48th Senate District DFL Central Committee (Old) | 32 | \$2,400.00 |
| 49th Senate District DFL (Old) | 8 | \$500.00 |
| 4th Congressional District DFL | 1 | \$25.00 |
| 50th Senate District DFL (Old) | 10 | \$650.00 |
| 51st Senate District DFL (Old) | 29 | \$1,239.86 |
| 52nd Senate District DFL | 12 | \$910.00 |
| 53rd Senate District DFL (Old) | 23 | \$1,600.00 |
| 54th Senate District DFL | 1 | \$100.00 |
| 56th Senate District DFL (Old) | 7 | \$450.00 |
| 57th Senate District DFL (Old) | 4 | \$114.21 |
| 58th Senate District DFL (Old) | 4 | \$270.00 |
| 59th Senate District DFL | 5 | \$84.52 |
| 5B House District DFL | 3 | \$250.00 |
| 60th Senate District DFL | 1 | \$25.00 |
| 61st Senate District DFL | 13 | \$966.67 |
| 63rd Senate District DFL | 2 | \$125.00 |
| 64th Senate District DFL | 5 | \$232.25 |
| 65th Senate District DFL | 6 | \$300.00 |

| Party Units | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 67th Senate District DFL | 4 | \$230.00 |
| 7th Senate District DFL (Old) | 16 | \$901.19 |
| 9th Senate District DFL (Old) | 1 | \$10.00 |
| Aitkin County DFL | 37 | \$3,025.00 |
| Becker County DFL | 55 | \$4,450.00 |
| Beltrami County DFL | 68 | \$5,196.67 |
| Big Stone County DFL | 67 | \$5,633.32 |
| Blue Earth County DFL | 5 | \$310.45 |
| Brown County DFL | 33 | \$2,600.00 |
| Cass County DFL | 39 | \$3,075.00 |
| Chippewa County DFL | 8 | \$800.00 |
| Clay County DFL | 29 | \$1,797.33 |
| Cook County DFL | 13 | \$1,050.00 |
| Cottonwood County DFL | 3 | \$250.00 |
| Crow Wing County DFL | 29 | \$2,250.00 |
| DFL House Caucus | 637 | \$42,292.84 |
| DFL Senate Caucus | 227 | \$11,868.34 |
| Dodge County DFL | 5 | \$500.00 |
| Douglas County DFL | 65 | \$5,125.00 |
| Faribault County DFL | 32 | \$2,415.00 |
| Fillmore County DFL | 29 | \$1,500.00 |
| Freeborn County DFL | 46 | \$3,700.00 |
| Goodhue County DFL | 7 | \$450.00 |
| Grant County DFL | 35 | \$2,820.00 |
| Houston County DFL | 29 | \$2,450.00 |
| Hubbard County DFL | 38 | \$2,700.00 |

| Party Units | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Itasca County DFL | 34 | \$2,615.00 |
| Jackson County DFL | 16 | \$1,175.00 |
| Kanabec County DFL | 5 | \$500.00 |
| Kandiyohi County DFL | 86 | \$6,700.00 |
| Koochiching County DFL | 1 | \$25.00 |
| Lac qui Parle County DFL | 18 | \$1,550.00 |
| Lake County DFL | 35 | \$2,775.00 |
| Lake of the Woods DFL | 8 | \$375.00 |
| LeSueur County DFL | 20 | \$1,570.00 |
| Lyon County DFL | 22 | \$1,300.00 |
| McLeod County DFL | 19 | \$1,170.00 |
| Meeker County DFL | 22 | \$1,100.00 |
| Mille Lacs County DFL | 10 | \$900.00 |
| Minn DFL State Central Committee | 10257 | \$673,268.74 |
| Minneapolis DFL | 72 | \$2,441.70 |
| Morrison County DFL | 40 | \$3,320.00 |
| Mower County DFL | 12 | \$898.07 |
| Murray County DFL | 5 | \$400.00 |
| Nicollet County DFL | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Nobles County DFL | 11 | \$800.00 |
| Norman County DFL | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Otter Tail County DFL | 66 | \$4,755.00 |
| Pine County DFL (HD 11B) | 2 | \$150.00 |
| Pipestone County DFL | 11 | \$850.00 |
| Polk and Red Lake County DFL | 46 | \$3,850.00 |
| Pope County DFL | 8 | \$550.00 |

| Party Units | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Redwood County DFL | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Renville County DFL | 15 | \$975.00 |
| Rice County DFL | 43 | \$2,650.00 |
| Rock County DFL | 22 | \$1,750.00 |
| Sibley County DFL | 7 | \$500.00 |
| St Louis County (07) DFL | 20 | \$1,750.00 |
| St Paul DFL | 13 | \$412.73 |
| Stearns County DFL (Stearns-12) | 16 | \$1,350.00 |
| Steele County DFL | 15 | \$1,050.00 |
| Stevens County DFL | 8 | \$650.00 |
| Swift County DFL | 33 | \$2,675.00 |
| Todd County DFL | 27 | \$1,800.00 |
| Wabasha County DFL | 31 | \$2,240.00 |
| Wadena County DFL | 29 | \$2,250.00 |
| Waseca County DFL | 51 | \$3,875.00 |
| Watonwan County DFL | 19 | \$1,380.00 |
| Wilkin County DFL | 6 | \$400.00 |
| Winona County DFL | 45 | \$2,324.96 |

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| Subtotals: | 13,409 | \$890,347.28 |
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Grassroots Party

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| Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party | 18 | \$1,240.00 |
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| Subtotals: | 18 | \$1,240.00 |
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Green Party of Minnesota

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| Green Party of Minn | 1 | \$50.00 |
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| Party Units | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|
| | Subtotals: | 1 \$50.00 |
| Independence Party of Minnesota | | |
| Independence-Alliance Party | 12 | \$750.00 |
| | Subtotals: | 12 \$750.00 |
| Legalize Marijuana Now Party | | |
| Legal Marijuana Now Party | 3 | \$150.00 |
| | Subtotals: | 3 \$150.00 |
| Libertarian Party of Minn | | |
| Libertarian Party of Minn | 9 | \$600.00 |
| | Subtotals: | 9 \$600.00 |
| Republican Party of Minnesota | | |
| 7B House District RPM | 2 | \$150.00 |
| 8th Congressional District RPM | 2 | \$150.00 |
| 13th Senate District RPM | 9 | \$720.59 |
| 2nd Congressional District RPM | 20 | \$668.40 |
| 30th Senate District RPM | 1 | \$100.00 |
| 31st Senate District RPM | 2 | \$200.00 |
| 33rd Senate District RPM (Old) | 14 | \$845.00 |
| 34th Senate District RPM (Old) | 3 | \$250.00 |
| 35th Senate District RPM | 14 | \$860.00 |
| 36th Senate District RPM (Old) | 3 | \$200.00 |
| 37th Senate District RPM (Old) | 1 | \$100.00 |
| 38th Senate District RPM | 1 | \$100.00 |

| Party Units | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 39th Senate District RPM (Old) | 7 | \$284.69 |
| 3B House District RPM | 2 | \$150.00 |
| 3rd Congressional District RPM | 6 | \$425.00 |
| 40th Senate District RPM (Old) | 3 | \$150.00 |
| 41st Senate District RPM | 8 | \$550.00 |
| 42A House District RPM | 11 | \$710.00 |
| 42B House District RPM | 9 | \$550.00 |
| 44th Senate District RPM | 1 | \$50.00 |
| 45th Senate District RPM (Old) | 2 | \$100.00 |
| 46th Senate District RPM | 20 | \$1,330.00 |
| 48th Senate District RPM | 4 | \$300.00 |
| 49th Senate District RPM (Old) | 118 | \$8,608.33 |
| 4th Congressional District RPM | 2 | \$40.00 |
| 50th Senate District RPM (Old) | 5 | \$220.00 |
| 51st Senate District RPM | 47 | \$3,600.00 |
| 52A House District RPM | 10 | \$550.00 |
| 52B House District RPM | 22 | \$1,525.00 |
| 53rd Senate District RPM (Old) | 3 | \$250.00 |
| 54th Senate District RPM | 4 | \$250.00 |
| 56th Senate District RPM (Old) | 4 | \$295.45 |
| 57th Senate District RPM (Old) | 17 | \$1,520.00 |
| 58th Senate District RPM | 4 | \$350.00 |
| 60th Senate District RPM | 2 | \$100.00 |
| 63rd Senate District RPM | 4 | \$300.00 |
| 64th Senate District RPM | 9 | \$700.00 |
| 65th Senate District RPM | 1 | \$50.00 |

| Party Units | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Becker County RPM | 38 | \$3,015.00 |
| Beltrami County RPM | 65 | \$4,812.14 |
| Benton County RPM | 2 | \$124.99 |
| Blue Earth County RPM | 10 | \$750.00 |
| Brown County RPM | 35 | \$2,550.00 |
| Carlton County RPM | 10 | \$650.00 |
| Carver County RPM | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Cass County RPM | 18 | \$1,550.00 |
| Chippewa County RPM | 2 | \$200.00 |
| Chisago County RPM | 7 | \$650.00 |
| Clay County RPM | 15 | \$1,150.00 |
| Clearwater County RPM | 48 | \$3,900.00 |
| Cook County RPM | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Crow Wing County RPM | 24 | \$1,550.00 |
| Dodge County RPM | 4 | \$316.66 |
| Douglas County RPM | 17 | \$1,400.00 |
| Faribault County RPM | 24 | \$1,950.00 |
| Fillmore County RPM | 15 | \$1,250.00 |
| Freeborn County RPM | 54 | \$4,583.33 |
| Goodhue County RPM | 15 | \$1,400.00 |
| Grant County RPM | 45 | \$3,950.00 |
| Houston County RPM | 16 | \$1,300.00 |
| HRCC | 829 | \$54,218.44 |
| Hubbard County RPM | 18 | \$1,525.00 |
| Itasca County RPM | 45 | \$3,590.14 |
| Jackson County RPM | 27 | \$2,200.00 |

| Party Units | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Kanabec County RPM | 11 | \$808.33 |
| Kandiyohi County RPM | 58 | \$4,475.00 |
| Koochiching County RPM | 1 | \$50.00 |
| Lac qui Parle County RPM | 17 | \$1,216.67 |
| Lake County RPM | 3 | \$300.00 |
| Lake of the Woods RPM | 5 | \$400.00 |
| LeSueur County RPM | 102 | \$8,591.67 |
| Lincoln County RPM | 5 | \$300.00 |
| Lyon County RPM | 13 | \$1,250.00 |
| Marshall County RPM | 7 | \$650.00 |
| Martin County RPM | 5 | \$300.00 |
| McLeod County RPM | 34 | \$2,750.45 |
| Meeker County RPM | 9 | \$575.00 |
| Morrison County RPM | 5 | \$500.00 |
| Mower County RPM | 52 | \$4,366.65 |
| Murray County RPM | 7 | \$600.00 |
| Nicollet County RPM | 19 | \$1,475.00 |
| Nobles County RPM | 7 | \$500.00 |
| Olmsted County RPM | 4 | \$316.66 |
| Otter Tail County RPM | 35 | \$2,928.57 |
| Pennington County RPM | 7 | \$650.00 |
| Pine County RPM | 13 | \$889.29 |
| Pipestone County RPM | 21 | \$1,640.00 |
| Polk County RPM | 4 | \$250.00 |
| Pope County RPM | 36 | \$2,913.33 |
| Redwood County RPM | 28 | \$2,316.67 |

| Party Units | Contributions Refunded | Amount |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Renville County RPM | 30 | \$2,270.00 |
| Republican Party of Minn | 6001 | \$445,840.18 |
| Rice County RPM | 20 | \$1,500.00 |
| Rock County RPM | 11 | \$1,100.00 |
| Roseau County RPM | 4 | \$400.00 |
| Scott County RPM | 2 | \$65.38 |
| Senate Victory Fund (SVF) | 675 | \$47,515.55 |
| Sibley County RPM | 3 | \$200.00 |
| St Louis County RPM | 10 | \$850.00 |
| Steele County RPM | 42 | \$3,595.00 |
| Swift County RPM | 3 | \$250.00 |
| Todd County RPM | 7 | \$540.00 |
| Traverse County RPM | 6 | \$600.00 |
| Wabasha County RPM | 60 | \$4,679.41 |
| Wadena County RPM | 16 | \$1,020.00 |
| Waseca County RPM | 38 | \$3,208.33 |
| Watonwan County RPM | 2 | \$150.00 |
| Wilkin County RPM | 24 | \$2,002.38 |
| Winona County RPM | 13 | \$1,060.00 |
| Wright County RPM | 9 | \$700.00 |
| Yellow Medicine County RPM | 4 | \$350.00 |
| Subtotals: | 9,270 | \$684,997.68 |
| Grand Totals: | 22,722 | \$1,578,134.96 |



MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Date: August 8, 2022
To: Board members
Counsel Hartshorn
From: Andrew Olson, Legal/Management Analyst
Subject: Enforcement report for consideration at the August 15, 2022 Board meeting

A. Consent Items

1. Administrative termination of lobbyists Kelby Grovender (4183) and Warren Duncan (2428)

Marcus Schmit, executive director of Hearth Connection, has requested the administrative termination of Kelby Grovender and Warren Duncan as lobbyists for that principal. Mr. Grovender ceased being employed by the principal on December 1, 2021. Mr. Duncan ceased being employed by the principal on October 20, 2021. The principal attempted to contact Mr. Grovender, who reported Mr. Duncan's disbursements, but did not receive any response. Board staff terminated Mr. Grovender's lobbyist registration as of December 1, 2021 and terminated Mr. Duncan's lobbyist registration as of October 20, 2021. If the request to make the terminations retroactive is approved, there will be no outstanding disbursement reports. The written request from the principal states that Mr. Grovender separated from employment in 2020 rather than 2021, but Board staff has confirmed that that is a typographical error.

2. Administrative termination of lobbyists Mysti Babineau (4410), Kate Jacobson (4678), and Victoria Yarwood (5133)

Tee McClenty, executive director of MN350 Action, has requested the administrative termination of Mysti Babineau, Kate Jacobson, and Victoria Yarwood as lobbyists for that principal. Ms. Babineau ceased representing the principal after July 9, 2021. Ms. Jacobson ceased representing the principal after August 13, 2021. Ms. Yarwood ceased representing the principal on April 30, 2022. Board staff terminated Ms. Babineau's and Ms. Jacobson's lobbyist registration as of the dates listed above. The written request states that Ms. Yarwood was not a lobbyist. However, Ms. Yarwood registered as a lobbyist and filed a lobbyist disbursement report covering the reporting period that ended on December 31, 2021, disclosing over \$1,300 in disbursements. Ms. Yarwood registered as the principal's designated lobbyist so she was responsible for reporting the principal's direct lobbying disbursements in addition to her own disbursements. Because Ms. Yarwood did not file a report covering the subsequent reporting period and the principal has stated that she was not acting as a lobbyist, Board staff terminated Ms. Yarwood's lobbyist registration as of December 31, 2021. If the request to make each termination retroactive is approved, there will be no outstanding disbursement reports.

B. Waiver Requests

| # | Committee/ Entity | Late Fee/ Civil Penalty | Report Due | Factors | Prior Waivers | Recommended Action |
|---|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|-----------------------|
| 1 | 23rd Senate District DFL (Old) (20894) | \$350 LFF | 2022 Pre- Primary | Report due 7/25/2022 was filed 8/3/2022. Treasurer thought he had faxed the report, which was dated 7/19/2022, prior to the due date and faxed it promptly when contacted by Board staff. The report is a termination report. The party unit has not had any financial activity since 2018 aside from transferring its balance of \$34 to a different party unit in 2022. | No | Waive |
| 2 | MAIDA (Minnesota Asian-Indian Democratic Association) (40713) | \$350 LFF | 2022 Pre- Primary | Report due 7/25/2022 was filed 8/3/2022. Treasurer attempted to email the report to the Board's assistant executive director 7/23/2022 but mistyped the email address and did not realize it was not received until after the due date. The report was a no-change statement listing a cash balance of \$1,124 as of 7/18/2022. | \$50 LFF waived in 2010 as treasurer was confused about legislative changes to pre-primary reporting deadlines | Waive |
| 3 | Minnesota Soybean PAC (70022) | \$350 LFF | 2022 Pre- Primary | Report due 7/25/2022 was filed 8/3/2022. Committee had computer hardware and software issues that prevented the report from being filed on time. Committee does not appear to have filed any other reports late going back to at least 2009. The report listed a cash balance of \$16,721 as of 7/18/2022. | No | Waive |
| 4 | Ashley Klingbeil (Senate candidate) | \$65 LFF | 2022 Candidate EIS | Candidate EIS due 6/14/2022 was filed 7/19/2022. Candidate believed that all of her filings with the Board were due on 7/25/2022, the due date of the pre-primary report. She did not receive a letter stating the EIS was late until the day before it was filed because she was residing at a different location to attend to the needs of her injured partner. | No | Waive |
| 5 | Ned Carroll (House candidate) | \$30 LFF | 2022 Candidate EIS | Candidate EIS due 5/31/2022 was filed 6/23/2022. Candidate believed he did not need to file an EIS after filing an affidavit of candidacy as a legislative candidate because he filed an annual EIS with the City of Plymouth earlier this year as a current member of its city council. | No | Waive |

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| 6 | Eichorn (Justin) for MN Senate Campaign Committee (18077) | \$100 LFF | 2022 Pre-Primary | Report due 7/25/2022 was filed two days late. Treasurer did not understand how to initialize the 2022 calendar year within the CFR software and didn't get in contact with Board staff until the due date or the day after the report was due. The report listed a cash balance of \$32,380 as of 7/18/2022. | No | No Recommendation |
| 7 | Laura Pride (House candidate) | \$100 LFF | 2022 Candidate EIS | Candidate EIS due 6/14/2022 was filed 7/29/2022. Candidate believed she did not need to file anything with the Board because she did not reach the monetary threshold for registration of a principal campaign committee. Candidate said she hasn't been opening her mail and didn't answer calls from Board staff because she didn't recognize the phone number. Board staff initially did not have the candidate's email address because none was listed on her affidavit of candidacy. | No | No Recommendation |

C. Informational Items

1. Payment of civil penalty for prohibited contribution during legislative session

Tim Walz for Governor, \$115
Hubert (Buck) Humphrey IV, \$60
Mark Oyaas, \$55

2. Payment of civil penalty for disclaimer violation

Dr. Scott Jensen for Governor, \$250

3. Payment of late filing fee for 2022 pre-primary report of receipts and expenditures

COLL PAC, \$100
Arik Forsman for House District 8B Committee, \$50

4. Payment of late filing fee for original EIS

James McCaskel, \$95
Miki Frost, \$95
John Schonebaum, \$90
Lorraine Englund, \$55
Elise Diesslin, \$25

5. Payment of late filing fee for 2019 Annual EIS

Abdiaziz Kadir, \$5

6. Forwarded anonymous contributions

Rice County RPM, \$125

Keith Ellison for Attorney General, \$50

Mort (Erik Mortensen) for House, \$50



July 14, 2022

Erika Ross
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board
Suite 190, Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Re: Request for administrative termination for Kelby Grovender (4183) and Warren Duncan (2428)

Dear Erika,

I write in response to our communication on Friday, June 17 regarding Hearth Connection's current registered lobbyists.

As we discussed, Kelby Grovender is no longer a registered lobbyist for Hearth Connection. He separated from employment with Hearth Connection on December 1, 2020. Warren Duncan is no longer a registered lobbyist for Hearth Connection. He separated from employment with Hearth Connection on October 20, 2021. It was our understanding that Hearth Connection had previously taken all appropriate action with the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to account for this change in leadership, which preceded my tenure with the organization.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at marcus@hearthconnection.org or by phone at (651) 646-1912 if you have any questions or require additional documentation to resolve this matter. Thank you for your assistance clarifying this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marcus Schmit", is written in a cursive style.

Marcus Schmit
Executive Director

Cc: Julie Jones, Human Resources Manager

Lobbyist Mysti Babineau (4410)
Lobbyist Kate Jacobson (4678)
Lobbyist Victoria Yarwood (5133)

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4407 E. Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55406

Erika Ross
Program Administrator
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board
(651) 539-1187

Subject: Administrative Termination

Ms. Ross,

It being difficult to reach and procure individual lobbyist termination statements from former employees, MN350 Action would like to move forward with an administrative termination for the following:

Babineau, Mysti, Registration 1/15/2018. Last represented MN350 Action on 7/9/2021

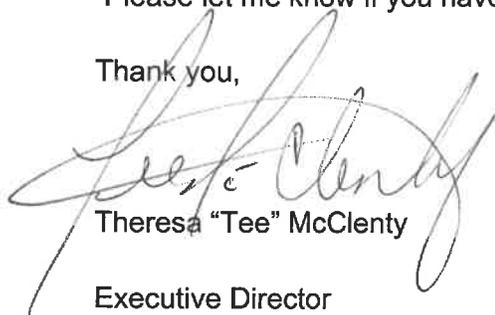
Jacobson, Kate, Registration 12/18/2019... Last represented MN350 Action on 8/13/2021

Yarwood, Victoria Registration 12/30/21... Last represented MN350 Action on 4/30/2022... Wasn't a lobbyist but did assist with reporting

We request that your Board approve their administrative termination, backdated to when they last lobbied for the MN350 Action.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,



Theresa "Tee" McClenty

Executive Director

MN350 Action

From: [Brian D Roverud](#)
To: [Engelhardt, Megan \(CFB\)](#)
Subject: Re: Waiver request
Date: Wednesday, August 03, 2022 11:41:37 AM

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Minnesota Campaign Finance Board

Thank you for letting me know that the termination report was not sent. I thought I had faxed it within the time allowed but apparently that did not happen. I have been a treasurer for 2 political units for several years and this is the first report in all those years that was not timely. I apologize for that. This was a termination report of the DFL Senate District 23 that had a balance of \$34.67. While I was treasurer the party unit never had a large amount of money.

I would greatly appreciate your consideration of granting me a waiver of the fine. As soon as I received the phone message I immediately faxed the already finished report. I am retired and no longer acting as a treasurer for any political unit.

Thank you for your consideration

Brian D. Roverud
312 West 5th Street
Blue Earth, MN 56013
(507) 526-7221

From: [Shanti Shah](#)
To: [CFBEmail](#)
Cc: [Engelhardt, Megan \(CFB\)](#); [Stevens, Melissa \(CFB\)](#)
Subject: MAIDA Pre-Primary Report - Waiver request -Jul 23, 2022: Explanation for delay
Date: Wednesday, August 03, 2022 11:50:22 AM

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To: MN Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

On Behalf of Minnesota Asian Indian Democratic Association I would like to request a waiver for the late fee charge of \$350. Normally, I upload the copy of my report to my laptop and send it directly to the Campaign Finance email, <cfb.reports@state.mn.us>. Because I took the image on my phone, I sent it directly to Megan Engelhardt's email which had spelling error of her name. Unfortunately, due to my typo, it was not delivered. Interestingly, my message did not "bounce" back or return as an error, I was not notified so I assumed that email was delivered to her. Traditionally, I have always used Campaign Fin <cfb.reports@state.mn.us> email to send the report and will continue to do so.

Shanti Shah,
Minnesota Asian Indian Democratic Association (MAIDA)

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From: [Shanti Shah](#)
To: [Olson, Andrew \(CFB\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: MAIDA Pre-Primary Report - Jul 23, 2022
Date: Wednesday, August 03, 2022 2:31:03 PM
Attachments: [Doc - Jul 23 2022 - 4-49 PM.pdf](#)

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Hello Andrew,
Here is the email address I used on July 23rd. It has Megan's mis-spelled name.
Shanti Shah,
MAIDA

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Shanti Shah** <shsh6311@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Jul 23, 2022 at 4:53 PM
Subject: MAIDA Pre-Primary Report - Jul 23, 2022
To: <megan.engelhardt@state.mn.us>

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Beth Roemhildt](#)
To: [Engelhardt, Megan \(CFB\)](#)
Subject: MN Soy PAC
Date: Wednesday, August 03, 2022 1:31:50 PM

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Good afternoon Megan,

Thank you for your assistance this morning as we work through our issues.

MN SOY PAC as a small committee is asking that the fee for late filing of the Pre-Primary report be waived. The delay in submitting the report is a result of ongoing hardware/software issues over the last few months. Our local IT firm and Gary Bauer from the Campaign Finance Board have attempted to rectify these issues and although not completely solved, did allow for submission of the report today. Our goal is to solve these ongoing problems as soon as is possible, preventing another delay.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Beth Roemhildt

Grants & Contracts Administrator

Ag Management Solutions

representing Minnesota Soybean Growers Association and MN Soy PAC

1020 Innovation Lane

Mankato, MN 56001

507-388-1635



July 22, 2022

MN Campaign Finance Board
Late EIS Filing Fee Waiver Request – Ashley Klingbeil

Members of the Board,

I ask for your consideration to waive the \$65 late filing fee assessed to my candidacy for submitting my EIS statement 13 days beyond the deadline. I was incorrectly under the impression that all financial documents were due July 25, 2022.

I hadn't received the late notice you sent until the day before I submitted my EIS statement because my partner, whom I do not reside with, experienced a severe injury the last week of June that required complete amputation of his hand. During his recovery period, I was staying at his home to assist him with tasks and occasionally returning home for short periods of time. During this time I did not check my mailbox.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ashley Klingbeil
Senate District 12 Candidate
1964 10th Ave E Apt 311
Alexandria, MN 56308

From: Ned Carroll <nedjcarroll@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:59 PM

To: Stevens, Melissa (CFB) <melissa.stevens@state.mn.us>; Ross, Erika (CFB) <Erika.T.Ross@state.mn.us>

Subject: Statement of Economic Interest

Ms. Stevens and Ms. Ross,

Thank you both for talking with me about my Economic Interest Statement for my legislative campaign. As I explained to both of you, I thought since I had recently filed one for my Plymouth City Council position, and it was the same form, that I was compliant with the legislative campaign. I now understand after talking with both of you that is not the case. I discussed with both of you the possibility of having the late filing fee removed or waived due to my misunderstanding and it not being an intentional act of being late. You requested that I send this e-mail asking for the removal/waiver.

Thank you both for (1) being available, and (2) being so responsive and helpful. It is always my goal to be timely and compliant with CFB reporting obligations.

Ned Carroll

From: [Will Waggoner](#)
To: [Engelhardt, Megan \(CFB\)](#)
Cc: [Justin Eichorn](#)
Subject: Fee Waiver Request
Date: Saturday, July 30, 2022 1:14:52 PM

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Good afternoon Megan,

I am writing today to request a waiver of the \$100 late fee due by #18077. I am requesting the waiver because I am still getting used to the new software and had trouble getting the new 2022 committee going. After I was able to connect with Gary from CFB and he walked me through closing out the 21 committee, I was able to submit the report the next day. This is our first time having such an issue and will not be a pattern going forward.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Have a great day,

Will Waggoner

From: [Laura Pride](#)
To: [Engelhardt, Megan \(CFB\)](#)
Subject: Re: Exempt from reporting as not raising \$750. Raising zero \$.
Date: Friday, July 29, 2022 10:34:16 AM

I'm a new candidate so I wasn't aware that I had to fill out these forms. I didn't know that I needed to fill out forms when I wasn't raising funds.

I don't answer unidentified calls. There was no identifying information on phone number.

And I didn't open mail as I've been inundated with emails and phone calls and very long voicemail messages and mail since filing.

Plus empty nest issues.

Please waive this fee as I cannot afford it.

Thanks!

Laura

Megan thank you for your assistance with this frustrating process.

On Fri, Jul 29, 2022, 10:24 AM Engelhardt, Megan (CFB) <megan.engelhardt@state.mn.us> wrote:

Laura,

The economic interest statement has been filed as of July 29, 2022. The late filing fee for the report will be \$100 (20 days late @ \$5 per day). You can mail a check made out to the State of Minnesota for \$100 and you can mail it to us at the address below or you can request a waiver. The waiver needs to be in writing (email is fine) explaining why the report was late and any good cause as to why the late filing fees should be waived. Waiver requests are public and will be included in the Board materials on the website. Our Board would consider your waiver at the next Board meeting. Your waiver request should explain that you did not know you needed to file the EIS because you did not plan on raising or spending more than \$750. Thanks!

Megan Engelhardt

Assistant Executive Director

Minnesota State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

190 Centennial Building

658 Cedar Street

St. Paul, MN 55155-1603

651-539-1182

Megan.Engelhardt@state.mn.us

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From: Laura Pride <laura.pride.mn@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 10:21 AM

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

Subject: Re: Exempt from reporting as not raising \$750. Raising zero \$.

On Fri, Jul 29, 2022, 10:17 AM Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)

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

From: Laura Pride <laura.pride.mn@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 10:00 AM

To: Stevens, Melissa (CFB) <melissa.stevens@state.mn.us>; Ross, Erika (CFB)

<Erika.T.Ross@state.mn.us>

Subject: Exempt from reporting as not raising \$750. Raising zero \$.

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Please respond via email that you've received this email. Plz stop asking me to fill out personal financial information as I won't be raising any funds for this campaign.

Thanks much

Laura Pride

2560 Bailey Court

Newport MN

55055

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD
August 2022
ACTIVE FILES

| Candidate/Treasurer/ Lobbyist | Committee/Agency | Report Missing/ Violation | Late Fee/ Civil Penalty | Referred to AGO | Date S&C Personally Served | Default Hearing Date | Date Judgment Entered | Case Status |
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| Ashley Martinez- Perez, Candidate | Ashley Martinez- Perez for MN House | 2020 pre-general report of receipts and expenditures due 10/26/20, filed 10/28/20 2020 year end report of receipts and expenditures due 1/31/22, not filed | \$100 LFF \$1,000 LFF | 6/13/22 | | | | Drafting complaint. |
| Jenny Rhoades | | Candidate Statement of Economic Interest due 6/15/20—filed after lawsuit served. | \$100 LFF \$1,000CP | 9/23/20 | 6/29/21 1/1/22 | 4/4/22 | | Default judgment motion pending. |
| Jae Hyun Shim | | Statement of Economic Interest due 1/25/2021 | \$100 LFF \$1,000CP | 9/7/21 | 2/9/22 | | | Matter taken off hold. Drafting default judgment motion. |

CLOSED FILES

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| Jenny Rhoades | | Candidate Statement of Economic Interest due 6/15/20—filed after lawsuit served. | \$100 LFF \$1,000CP | 9/23/20 | 6/29/21 1/1/22 | 4/4/22 | 7/15/22 | |