

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

**CONCILIATION**

**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Vote Kate Christopher Committee (#16718);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Kate Christopher (hereinafter referred to as "the Candidate") hereby agree as follows:

1. During election year 2008, the Vote Kate Christopher Committee, ("the Committee") made campaign expenditures of \$32,119.67, which exceeded the applicable \$31,400 election year expenditure limit, as set forth in Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.25, subdivision 2 (a)(5), by \$719.67.
  
2. In correspondence dated February 16, 2009, Kate Christopher states, "At the time I sought public funds I believed that I qualified as a first-time candidate, even though I served on the Mahtomedi School Board for eight years. ...I now understand that school board races are considered to be campaigns and the guidelines state that if the district includes 1/3 or more of the area of the House District then you cannot be considered a first time candidate. The Mahtomedi School district's population number at this time is 12,662 or 34.4% of the 52B House district voters."

3. Board records show that this is the first violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.25, subdivision 2, by the Committee. The Committee registered with the Board on March 3, 2008.

4. The parties agree that the Committee made excessive campaign expenditures resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.25, subdivision 2, in calendar year 2008.

5. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$719.67. This number represents one times the amount by which the campaign expenditures exceeded the spending limit in 2008, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

6. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$719.67 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$719.67 and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

7. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$719.67 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 6 above, then the Candidate will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.28 and 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$1,439.34 which is two times the amount by which the expenditures exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

(b) \$2,159.01 which is three times the amount by which the expenditures exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

(c) \$2,878.68 which is four times the amount by which the expenditures exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received more than 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

8. It is further understood that if the civil penalty is not paid as agreed within the times specified in paragraphs 6 and 7 above, the Board will proceed to enforce the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 4.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair. Once signed, the Agreement shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.02, subdivision 11, and 10A.28, subdivision 3.

Kate Christopher  
Kate Christopher

Dated: 3/6/09

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By A. Hilda Bettermann Dated: 3-16-09  
A. Hilda Bettermann, Chair