## STATE OF MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

## **CONCILIATION AGREEMENT**

In the matter of lobbyist Mark Oyaas (9871);

1. The Tim Walz for Governor committee's 2021 year-end report of receipts and expenditures disclosed five contributions totaling \$55 received during the time period spanning January 15 through March 29, 2021, from Mark Oyaas, who is a lobbyist registered with the Board. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1, prohibits a registered lobbyist from making a contribution to the principal campaign committee of a candidate for constitutional office during a regular session of the legislature. The legislature was in regular session on the dates the contributions were made.

2. Mr. Oyaas explained that he shares the account the funds were drawn from with his wife and was unsure who made the contributions as they were made in response to contribution solicitation emails from ActBlue. Mr. Oyaas is the owner of the ActBlue account. The Walz committee has provided documentation showing that the contributions were refunded to Mr. Oyaas in January of 2022.

3. The parties agree that Mr. Oyaas made contributions to the principal campaign committee of a candidate for constitutional office during a regular session of the legislature in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1. This is Mr. Oyaas' first violation of the restrictions on contributions during the legislative session.

4. To avoid a similar violation in the future Mr. Oyaas agrees that he will ensure that any contribution made to a candidate is accompanied by his Board registration number as required by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5.

5. Mr. Oyaas agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$55, the amount of the violation, for making contributions to the principal campaign committee of a candidate for constitutional office during a regular session of the legislature. Payment is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties.

6. If Mr. Oyaas 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.

<u>/s/ Mark Oyaas</u> Mark Oyaas, Lobbyist Dated: July 7, 2022

/s/ Faris Rashid

Dated: July 6, 2022

Faris Rashid, Chair Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board