## STATE OF MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

PRIMA FACIE
DETERMINATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF JEREMY PARRUCCI REGARDING KELSEY JEZIERSKI

On October 21, 2024, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board received a complaint submitted by Jeremy Parrucci regarding Kelsey Jezierski, a school board candidate in Independent School District 192.

The complainant alleges that Ms. Jezierski is not in compliance with the statutes requiring reporting by candidates. Mr. Parrucci alleges that he was unable to find the campaign finance report for Ms. Jezierski's previous campaign in 2022 on the school district's website. The complaint cites Minnesota Statutes section 10A.20.

## Determination

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, authorizes the Board to investigate alleged or potential violations of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 10A, in addition to Minnesota Statutes sections 211B.04, 211B.12, and 211B.15. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivision 10, defines the term "candidate" to mean "an individual who seeks nomination or election as a state constitutional officer, legislator, or judge." Therefore, Ms. Jezierski is not a "candidate" for purposes of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 10A, including section 10A.20. The Board does not have investigative authority with respect to alleged violations by candidates for local office. Because Ms. Jezierski is not a candidate within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 10A, the Board does not have investigative authority with respect to the violation alleged in the complaint. Therefore, the chair concludes that the complaint does not state a prima facie violation of Chapter 10A or of those sections of Chapter 211B under the Board's jurisdiction.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, this prima facie determination is made by the Board chair and not by any vote of the entire Board. The complaint is dismissed without prejudice.

/s/ David Asp	Date: <u>October 23, 2024</u>
David Asp, Chair	<del></del>
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