

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Tom Dippel For House committee (19048);

1. Tom Dippel For House is the principal campaign committee of Representative Tom Dippel, who was a candidate for House District 41B. The aggregate political party unit and terminating principal campaign committee contribution limit was \$10,000 for a candidate for state representative during the 2023-2024 election cycle. The committee's amended 2024 year-end report of receipts and expenditures included a total of \$11,450 in contributions from those sources. \$1,000 of the excess amount was returned to a party unit within 90 days of deposit. The remaining excess amount of \$450 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, Samuel Swanlund, self-reported the violation and explained that due to an oversight, two contributions totaling \$1,500 from party units were not recorded properly until January 2025. Mr. Swanlund provided copies of cashier's checks issued by the Dippel committee on January 22, 2025, refunding a total of \$1,500 to party units.
3. The Dippel committee and the Board agree that the committee inadvertently accepted excessive contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, during the 2023-2024 election cycle. The committee registered with the Board in January 2024 and has no prior violations of the limit on contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees.
4. To avoid a similar violation in the future, the committee agrees that its treasurer will review the amount of each contribution and enter it within 60 days of receipt within the Board's Campaign Finance Reporter Online application, and will not accept a contribution from a party unit or a terminating principal campaign committee without first calculating the total amount of contributions accepted from those sources over the course of the current two-year election cycle.
5. The Dippel committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$125 for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2. Payment is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. The amount of the civil penalty was determined in part by the fact that this was a first-time violation of the aggregate political party unit and terminating principal campaign committee contribution limit that was self-reported to the Board.

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/ Tom Dippel
Representative Tom Dippel
Tom Dippel For House

Dated: April 9, 2025

/s/ Faris Rashid
Faris Rashid, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: April 8, 2025