

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Clare Oumou Verbeten for Senate committee (18766);

1. Clare Oumou Verbeten for Senate is the principal campaign committee of Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, who was a candidate for Senate District 66. The aggregate special source contribution limit, which includes contributions from lobbyists, political committees and funds, and associations not registered with the Board, was \$7,300 for candidates for state senate during the 2023-2024 election cycle segment. The committee's 2023 and 2024 year-end reports of receipts and expenditures disclosed a total of \$7,375 in special source contributions, which exceeded the limit by \$75.
2. The committee's treasurer, Madeline Mitchell, explained that the committee exceeded the limit when it accepted a contribution from a lobbyist in February 2024, but did not discover the issue until it began preparing the committee's 2024 year-end report. The committee self-reported the issue to the Board in January 2025. Ms. Mitchell provided a copy of a deposited refund check dated January 11, 2025, showing that \$100 was refunded to a lobbyist. The excess amount was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
3. The Oumou Verbeten committee and the Board agree that the committee inadvertently accepted excessive contributions from special source contributors in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, during the 2023-2024 election cycle segment. The committee registered with the Board in 2022 and has no prior violations of the aggregate special source limit.
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, through 2026.
5. The Oumou Verbeten committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$75 for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11. 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 special source limit that was self-reported to the Board.

6. 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/ Clare Oumou Verbeten
Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten
Clare Oumou Verbeten for Senate

Dated: April 15, 2025

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

Dated: April 8, 2025