



# MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

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**Date:** May 9, 2025

**To:** Board members and interested members of the public

**From:** Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director

**Telephone:** 651-539-1189

**Re:** Closure of staff review regarding the Committee to Elect Josh Heintzeman

On April 8, 2025, the Board determined there was probable cause to believe the Committee to Elect Josh Heintzeman failed to justify the classification of five expenses as noncampaign disbursements within its 2024 year-end report of receipts and expenditures. The Board directed the opening of a staff review. The Board's order provided that if "any violation has been remedied by the filing of an amended 2024 year-end report of receipts and expenditures, the staff review must be closed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3b."

On May 5, 2025, the Heintzeman committee filed an amended 2024 year-end report. Schedule B1-NCD of the amended report includes additional text explaining the purpose of the noncampaign disbursements identified within the Board's probable cause determination. Also, an unpaid bill that was previously reported to be a single \$20,000 expense was separated into three expenses totaling \$20,000 to allow for a more precise explanation of the purpose of those expenses. The amended report states that the noncampaign disbursements in question were for legal services related to two complaints filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, two complaints filed with the Board, and a lawsuit alleging a violation of the First Amendment by Representative Heintzeman. The amended report also includes additional text explaining the purpose of a \$9,000 unpaid bill, which was for legal services related to a petition filed with the Minnesota Supreme Court seeking to have Representative Heintzeman's name removed from the ballot in 2024. Finally, the amendment provides an explanation for a \$6,000 in-kind contribution from the HRCC that was used to pay a portion of legal expenses related to the allegation of a First Amendment violation by Representative Heintzeman.

The amended report remedies any violation of Minnesota Rules 4503.0900, subpart 3. The staff review has been closed in accordance with the Board's order issued on April 8, 2025.

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Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Attachment: Amended 2024 year-end report of the Committee to Elect Josh Heintzeman

**Schedule B1 - NCD Non-Campaign Disbursements**  
**Heintzeman, Joshua House of Representatives District 6B Committee**

Chalmers, Adams, Backer & Kaufman, LLC  
 5805 State Bridge Rd #G77 Johns Creek, GA 30097

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
07/31/2024	NCD: Legal Services - Legal Services: Under MN law, legal campaign expenditures are permissible if they are for a "political purpose". Defending 2 OAH complaints regarding sign disclaimers. All associated legal expenses incurred are legitimate campaign expenditures consistent with MN campaign finance statutes.	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
08/08/2024	NCD: Legal Services - Legal Services: Under MN law, legal campaign expenditures are permissible if they are for a "political purpose" 18-CV-2821 (First Amendment case) All associated legal expenses incurred are legitimate campaign expenditures consistent with MN campaign finance statutes.	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
08/24/2024	NCD: Legal Services - Legal Services: Under MN law, legal campaign expenditures are permissible if they are for a "political purpose". Defending 2 complaints to CFB relating to disclaimers on signs. All associated legal expenses incurred are legitimate campaign expenditures consistent with MN campaign finance statutes.	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
<b>Total</b>		0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00

Crow Wing County Court Administration  
 213 Laurel St. Suite 11 Brainerd, MN 56401

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
08/28/2024	NCD: Legal Services - Legal Services: Court Fees - filing motion related to 18-CV-2821 (First Amendment case)	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
09/09/2024	NCD: Legal Services - Legal Services: Court Fees - original filing fee related to 18-CV-2821 (First Amendment case)	295.00	0.00	0.00	295.00
09/25/2024	NCD: Legal Services - Legal Services: Court Fees - filing motion related to 18-CV-2821 (First Amendment case)	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
<b>Total</b>		445.00	0.00	0.00	445.00

HRCC (Registered Id: 20010)  
 525 Park St Ste 245 PO Box 17400 St Paul, MN 55117

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
07/24/2024	NCD: Legal Services - Legal Services: Portion of legal services for Case 18-CV-2821 (First Amendment)	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00

Heintzeman, Joshua  
 PO Box 33 Merrifield, MN 56465

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
02/26/2024	NCD: Repayment of loan - Loan Payments - Principal	1,726.15	0.00	0.00	1,726.15
02/26/2024	NCD: Repayment of loan - Loan Payments - Principal	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
02/26/2024	NCD: Repayment of loan - Loan Payments - Principal	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
02/26/2024	NCD: Repayment of loan - Loan Payments - Principal	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
02/26/2024	NCD: Repayment of loan - Loan Payments - Principal	173.85	0.00	0.00	173.85
<b>Total</b>		5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00

Jacobson, Magnuson, Anderson, & Halloran, PC  
 180 E 5th St Ste 940 St Paul, MN 55101

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
06/17/2024	NCD: Legal Services - Legal Services: Under MN law, legal campaign expenditures are permissible if they are for a \"political purpose\" MN Supreme Court Petition (Case A24-1001) to remove Rep Heintzeman from the ballot. All associated legal expenses incurred are legitimate campaign expenditures consistent with MN campaign finance statutes.	0.00	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00

Joe's Pizza  
 31089 Front St Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
07/09/2024	NCD: Food/beverages for volunteers while campaigning - Food and Beverages: Pizza for Volunteers	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00

Notch 8  
 1551 Northern Pacific Rd Brainerd, MN 56401

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
03/28/2024	NCD: Food, beverages and supplies for fundraising event - Food and Beverages: Endorsing convention fundraiser	682.90	0.00	0.00	682.90

Springhill Suites  
 472 Jackson St St Paul, MN 55101

Date	Specific purpose of expenditure	Paid	Unpaid	In Kind	Total
11/22/2024	NCD: Expenses of serving in public office - Lodging: Lodging 2 nights for caucus	278.16	0.00	0.00	278.16

	<b>Total of itemized</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Unpaid</b>	<b>In Kind</b>	<b>Total</b>
		6,656.06	29,000.00	6,000.00	41,656.06
	<b>Total of non-itemized</b>				
		2,933.31	0.00	0.00	2,933.31
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Unpaid</b>	<b>In Kind</b>	<b>Total</b>
		9,589.37	29,000.00	6,000.00	44,589.37