

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the Matter of lobbyist Alison Brown (3615);

1. The Tim Walz for Governor committee, the principal campaign committee of Governor Tim Walz, accepted a \$2,000 contribution from lobbyist Alison Brown on April 10, 2024, during a regular session of the legislature. The contribution was not accompanied by Ms. Brown's Board registration number as required by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1, prohibits a registered lobbyist from making a contribution to a candidate for constitutional office during a regular session of the legislature.
2. Counsel for Ms. Brown stated that Ms. Brown provided the \$2,000 contribution to the Walz committee on April 10, 2024, via ActBlue. Ms. Brown does not recall if there was a question on the contribution form asking if she was a registered lobbyist. Ms. Brown apologized for the oversight and stated that she did not intentionally violate the prohibition on contributions during the legislative session. The contribution was refunded by the Walz committee in March 2025.
3. The parties agree that Ms. Brown contributed to a candidate during a regular session of the legislature in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1. Ms. Brown has been a registered lobbyist since May 2016, and this is her first violation of the restrictions on contributions during the legislative session.
4. To avoid a similar violation in the future, Ms. Brown agrees that she will not make a contribution during a regular legislative session to any candidate for the legislature or for constitutional office, or to any legislative party unit. Ms. Brown will ensure that any contribution made to a candidate is accompanied by her Board registration number as required by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5.
5. Ms. Brown agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$500 for making a contribution prohibited by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1. The amount of the civil penalty was determined in part by the fact that this was a first-time violation.

6. If Ms. Brown 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/ Alison Brown
Alison Brown, Lobbyist

Dated: May 21, 2025

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

Dated: May 14, 2025