

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Laurie Warner for House 32B committee (17737);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Laurie Warner (the Candidate) agree as follows:

1. The Laurie Warner for House 32B committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Laurie Warner. On its 2014 amended year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures, the Committee reported that it had accepted \$12,721.91 in total contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists, from whom the Committee accepted \$325, and political committees or political funds, from which the Committee accepted \$12,396.91. The total amount of these contributions exceeds the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources during the 2013-2014 election segment, which is \$12,500 for a state representative candidate. The \$221.91 that exceeded the limit was not returned within 90 days, and was therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. The violation was discovered by Board staff because the Committee's initial 2014 year-end report did not reconcile with an alleged donor's corresponding report of receipts and expenditures. In a letter to the Board dated June 5, 2015, the Committee's treasurer stated that a political fund failed to inform the Committee of a \$246.91 approved expenditure for a fundraiser that was held for the Candidate. The political fund informed the Board, in letters dated April 15, 2015, and June 11, 2015, that it did not receive written authorization for the approved expenditure and that it did not provide the Committee with a record of the approved expenditure. The Committee provided to the Board a copy of a letter and check dated May 22, 2015, returning the excess contribution to the political fund.
3. Board records indicate that this is the first instance in which the Committee reported the acceptance of contributions that exceeded the special source limit. The Committee registered with the Board on March 28, 2014.
4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from special sources in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, during the 2013-2014 election segment.
5. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the Candidate and the Committee agree that they will:
 - a. Ensure that the Committee's treasurer provides written authorization for, and receives documentation of, any approved expenditures made on behalf of the Candidate or the Committee.
6. The Candidate and the Committee agree that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$221.91 against the Committee for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11. \$55.48 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. \$166.43 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1,

2017. If the Committee violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11 before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the Committee does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11 within that timeframe, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

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/ Laurie Warner
Laurie Warner
Laurie Warner for House 32B

Dated: July 13, 2015

/s/ Gary Goldsmith
Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: July 6, 2015

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of July 6, 2015

/s/ George A. Beck
George A. Beck, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board