

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

**CONCILIATION AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Kari Dziedzic for State Senate committee (17310);

1. The Kari Dziedzic for State Senate committee is the principal campaign committee of Senator Kari Dziedzic. The aggregate special source contribution limit, which includes contributions from lobbyists, political committees and funds, and associations not registered with the Board, was \$6,600 for Senate candidates during the 2017-2018 election cycle segment. On January 17, 2019, the committee's treasurer, Pat Kelly, contacted Board staff to report that the committee inadvertently accepted contributions in excess of the special source limit. The \$150 that the committee received that exceeded the limit was not returned within 90 days of being deposited and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. Ms. Kelly provided a copy of a cashier's check issued on January 18, 2019 by the committee's bank in the amount of \$150 to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux committee, which is a political committee registered with the Board that contributed to the Kari Dziedzic for State Senate committee in January 2018.
3. Ms. Kelly explained that Senator Dziedzic was aware of the special source limit, but was tracking special source contributions using a list that mistakenly omitted a \$150 special source contribution. Ms. Kelly stated that contributions were not entered into the Campaign Finance Reporter software throughout the year, which is why there was a delay in discovering the excess contribution.
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 2017-2018 election cycle segment. This is the committee's first violation of the special source limit.
5. To avoid a similar violation in the future, the committee agrees to:
  - a. Ensure that the committee's treasurer reviews and enters contributions into the Campaign Finance Reporter software within 60 days of receipt; and
  - b. Run a batch compliance report after each time contributions are entered and take steps to remedy any violations the software identifies so that problems may be resolved within the 90 days provided by statute for the return of a contribution before it is deemed accepted.

6. The committee also agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$150 for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11. Of this amount, \$40 is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. The remaining \$110 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2021. If the committee violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, before January 1, 2021, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the committee does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, before January 1, 2021, 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/ Patricia Kelly Dated: March 4, 2019  
Patricia Kelly, Treasurer  
Kari Dzedzic for State Senate

/s/ Margaret Leppik Dated: March 13, 2019  
Margaret Leppik, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board