

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

**CONCILIATION  
AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Citizens to Elect Dan Schoen Committee (17453);

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

1. The Citizens to Elect Dan Schoen Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Representative Daniel Schoen. On its 2013 year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures and its 2014 pre-primary-election Report of Receipts and Expenditures, the Committee reported that it had accepted \$1,100 in total contributions from MAPE-PAC, a political committee registered with the Board, during the two year period. The total amount of these contributions exceeds the applicable political committee contribution limit during the 2013-2014 election cycle, which for a state representative candidate is \$1,000. The \$100 in excess contributions was not returned within 90 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. In a letter to the Board dated October 23, 2014, the Candidate confirmed that the Committee had accepted the excess contributions. The Candidate explained that the Committee had returned the excess \$100 to the political committee and the Candidate provided a copy of the check and the letter returning the excess contribution.
3. Board records show that this is the first instance in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the contribution limits. The Committee registered with the Board on April 2, 2012.
4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from a political committee resulting in a violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(5), in the 2013-2014 election cycle.
5. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the Candidate and the Committee agree that they will:
  - a. Return to using the Campaign Finance Reporter software for reporting purposes after the Committee files its 2014 year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures.
  - b. Ensure that the Committee's treasurer reviews and enters contributions into the Campaign Finance Reporter software within 60 days of receipt and runs and reviews a Batch Compliance Report after each data entry session. Contributions reviewed and entered within this timeframe will allow the Committee to detect violations of the campaign finance laws and also provide the Committee with 30 days to return a contribution to its source before it is deemed accepted.
6. The Candidate agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$100 against the Candidate for accepting individual contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(5). \$25 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both

parties. \$75 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2017. If the Candidate violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(5) before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the Candidate does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subd. 1(a)(5) within that timeframe, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

7. If the Candidate 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/ Daniel Schoen Dated: 3/30/2015  
Representative Daniel Schoen

/s/ Gary Goldsmith Dated: 2/4/2015  
Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of 2/3, 2015

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