

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Isaacson (Jason) for SD 42 committee (17929);

1. Isaacson (Jason) for SD 42 is the principal campaign committee of Senator Jason Isaacson. The total amount of contributions a candidate for state senator could accept from a single political fund during the 2019-2020 election cycle segment was \$1,000. The committee's 2019 year-end report (amendment 2) disclosed three contributions totaling \$450 from the Education Minnesota PAC, which is a political fund. The committee's 2020 year-end report (amendment 1) disclosed two additional contributions from that fund totaling \$700. The Education Minnesota PAC's 2019 year-end report (amendment 1) explained that a \$100 contribution made in 2019, which was reported as received by the Isaacson committee, was never deposited. Senator Isaacson has confirmed that the \$100 contribution in question was never deposited and the total amount of contributions accepted from the Education Minnesota PAC during the 2019-2020 election cycle segment was \$1,050. The excess of \$50 was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. The Isaacson committee has not used the Board's Campaign Finance Reporter software to record and report its receipts and expenditures because the software is currently incompatible with the computer used by the committee. The committee did not realize that it had received more than \$1,000 in contributions from a single political fund until the excess amount could no longer be returned in order to avoid a violation.
3. The parties agree that the committee inadvertently accepted excessive contributions from a single political fund in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1, during the 2019-2020 election cycle segment. This is the committee's second violation of the individual contribution limit and each violation occurred during the 2019-2020 election cycle segment.
4. To avoid similar violations in the future, the committee agrees that it will not accept a contribution from any source other than a party unit without first ensuring that the contribution will not cause the committee to exceed the individual contribution limit.
5. The Isaacson (Jason) for SD 42 committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$50, one times the amount of the violation, for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1. Payment is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties.
6. The committee agrees to file, within 10 business days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties, an amended 2019 year-end report showing that contributions received from the Education Minnesota PAC in 2019 totaled \$350, rather than \$450.

7. The committee also agrees to provide to the Board, within 60 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties, a copy of the deposited check or other documentation showing that \$50 has been refunded to the Education Minnesota PAC.

8. 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/ Jason Isaacson

Senator Jason Isaacson
Isaacson (Jason) for SD 42

Dated: October 28, 2021

/s/ Stephen Swanson

Stephen Swanson, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: September 1, 2021