

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Carpenters Local Union 361 Political Fund (30592);

1. The Carpenters Local Union 361 Political Fund's June 2022 report of receipts and expenditures disclosed a contribution of \$500 given on April 18, 2022, to the Renee Van Nett for Duluth committee. Renee Van Nett was a candidate for Senate District 8 until her death on June 3, 2022. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1, prohibits a political fund from making a contribution to the principal campaign committee of a legislative candidate during a regular session of the legislature. The legislature was in regular session on the date the contribution was made.
2. Tamie Klopich, treasurer for the political fund, explained that the committee was not aware of the sessional prohibition on contributions, and that the violation was an honest mistake.
3. The parties agree that the Carpenters Local Union 361 Political Fund made a contribution to the principal campaign committee of a candidate for legislature during a regular session of the legislature in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1. This is the fund's first violation of the restrictions on contributions during the legislative session.
4. To avoid a similar violation in the future, the Carpenters Local Union 361 Political Fund agrees that it will record contributions to candidates in the Campaign Finance Reporter Software within 30 days of when the contribution was made, and that the committee will update the software regularly to ensure that current compliance information is used.
5. The Carpenters Local Union 361 Political Fund agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$500, the amount of the contribution, for making a contribution prohibited by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1. Of this amount, \$125 is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. The remaining \$375 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2025. If the fund violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1, before January 1, 2025, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the fund does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1, before January 1, 2025, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

6. If the Carpenters Local Union 361 Political Fund 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/ Tamie Klopich
Tamie Klopich, Treasurer
Carpenters Local Union 361 Political Fund

Dated: 11/15/2022

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

Dated: 11/14/2022