

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Kim Crockett for Secretary of State Committee (18732);

1. The Kim Crockett for Secretary of State Committee is the principal campaign committee of candidate Kim Crockett. The aggregate political party unit and terminating principal campaign committee contribution limit was \$20,000 for secretary of state candidates during the 2021-2022 election cycle segment. The committee's amended 2022 year-end report of receipts and expenditures disclosed a total of \$20,900 in contributions from political party units and terminating principal campaign committees. A staff review was opened in June 2023.
2. The Crockett committee stated that it mistakenly failed to include a \$900 contribution it received from a party unit in September 2022 within its original 2022 pre-general and year-end reports. The \$900 excess amount was refunded in April 2023, but was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
3. The parties agree that the committee inadvertently accepted excessive contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, during the 2021-2022 election cycle segment. This is the committee's first violation of the limit on contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees.
4. The Crockett committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$225, 25% of the amount of the violation, for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2. The civil penalty is based on the fact that the Crockett committee exceeded the aggregate political party unit and terminating principal candidate committee contribution limit by \$900 and this is the committee's first violation of that limit. Typically, the Board would impose a civil penalty equal to one times the amount of the violation, stay 75% of the civil penalty, then waive the stayed amount if there were no other similar violations within the subsequent election cycle segment. However, the Crockett committee has informed the Board that it will be terminating at the conclusion of this matter, therefore there is no need to stay part of the civil penalty. The penalty must be paid within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. The committee also agrees to terminate its registration with the Board within 60 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties.

5. 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/ Kim Crockett
Kim Crockett
Kim Crockett for Secretary of State Committee

Dated: July 11, 2023

/s/ George W. Soule
George W. Soule, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: July 6, 2023