



MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

All information on this form is confidential until a decision is issued by the Board.
A photocopy of the entire complaint, however, will be sent to the respondent.

Information about complaint filer

Name of complaint filer	William Beck		
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Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about	Forward Majority Action Minnesota
Address	2136 Ford Parkway #8135
City, state, zip	Saint Paul, MN 55116
Title of respondent (If applicable)	
Board/Department/Agency/District # (If legislator)	

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Signature of person filing complaint

Date

Send completed form to:

Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board
190 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

If you have questions call 651-539-1189, 800-657-3889, or for TTY/TDD communication contact us via the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529. Board staff may be reached by email at cf.board@state.mn.us.

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Give the statutory cite to the section of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, or Minnesota Rules you believe has been violated:

211B.06

You will find links to the complete text of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, and Minnesota Rules chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at cfb.mn.gov.

Nature of complaint


Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated the campaign finance and public disclosure laws. Attach extra sheet(s) of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, photographs, or other evidence needed to support your allegations. Electronic files may be provided to the Board by email or via a file transfer service.

In a mailer sent by Forward Majority Action Minnesota and recieved by Carolyn Dippel on Friday, August 11th, multiple claims are made about Tom Dippel's campaign for Minnesota House. While the mailer cites a Minnesota Reformer article from March 12, 2024 and a non-specific X post from April 14th, 2024 (cited as "Twitter"), there is no evidence cited to support the claim that "He agrees with the Alabama Supreme Court decision to ban IVF." In fact, Dippel has never publicly spoken on the IVF issue and is comfortable publicly stating that he does not support the ban of IVF or any fertilization treatment. This unfounded claim is dangerous and could illegally shift votes away from the Dippel campaign, due to the fact that they are false statements. I have attached two documents to this complaint form. The first document is an image of the mailer that arrived on August 11th. The second is the Minnesota Reformer article that is referenced. As previously mentioned, it is unclear what X post the mailer refers to.

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 4525 describe the procedures required for investigating complaints. A full description of the complaint process is available on the Board's website. Briefly, the Board will notify you when it has received your complaint. The Board must send a copy of the complaint to the respondent. Complaints and investigations are confidential. Board members and staff cannot talk about an investigation except as required to carry out the investigation or to take action in the matter. After the Board issues a decision, the record of the investigation is public.

The law requires a complaint to go through two stages before the Board can begin an investigation: a prima facie determination and a probable cause decision. If the complaint does not pass one of the stages, it must be dismissed. The Board chair or their designee has 10 business days after receiving your complaint to determine whether the complaint alleges a prima facie violation. If the complaint alleges a prima facie violation, the Board has 60 days to decide whether probable cause exists to believe a violation that warrants a formal investigation has occurred. Both you and the respondent have the right to be heard on the issue of probable cause before the Board makes this decision. The Board will notify you if the complaint moves to the probable cause stage.

If the Board determines that probable cause does not exist, the Board will dismiss the complaint. If the Board determines that probable cause exists, the Board may start an investigation. In some cases the Board will issue findings, conclusions, and an order as its decision. In other cases the Board will instead enter into a conciliation agreement with the respondent. The Board's final decision will be posted on the Board's website.



Tom Dippel's extreme ideas aren't a laughing matter.

Tom Dippel's ideas aren't funny — *they're downright scary*. In his record, statements, and in the press, Dippel says:

- He will ban abortion.
- He agrees with the Alabama Supreme Court decision to ban IVF.
- LGBT relationships are an “abomination.”
- He will advocate for “biblical family values.”
- Minnesota should to ignore all federal gun laws, including background checks.

Minnesotans need to take a stand against Dippel's extreme ideas.



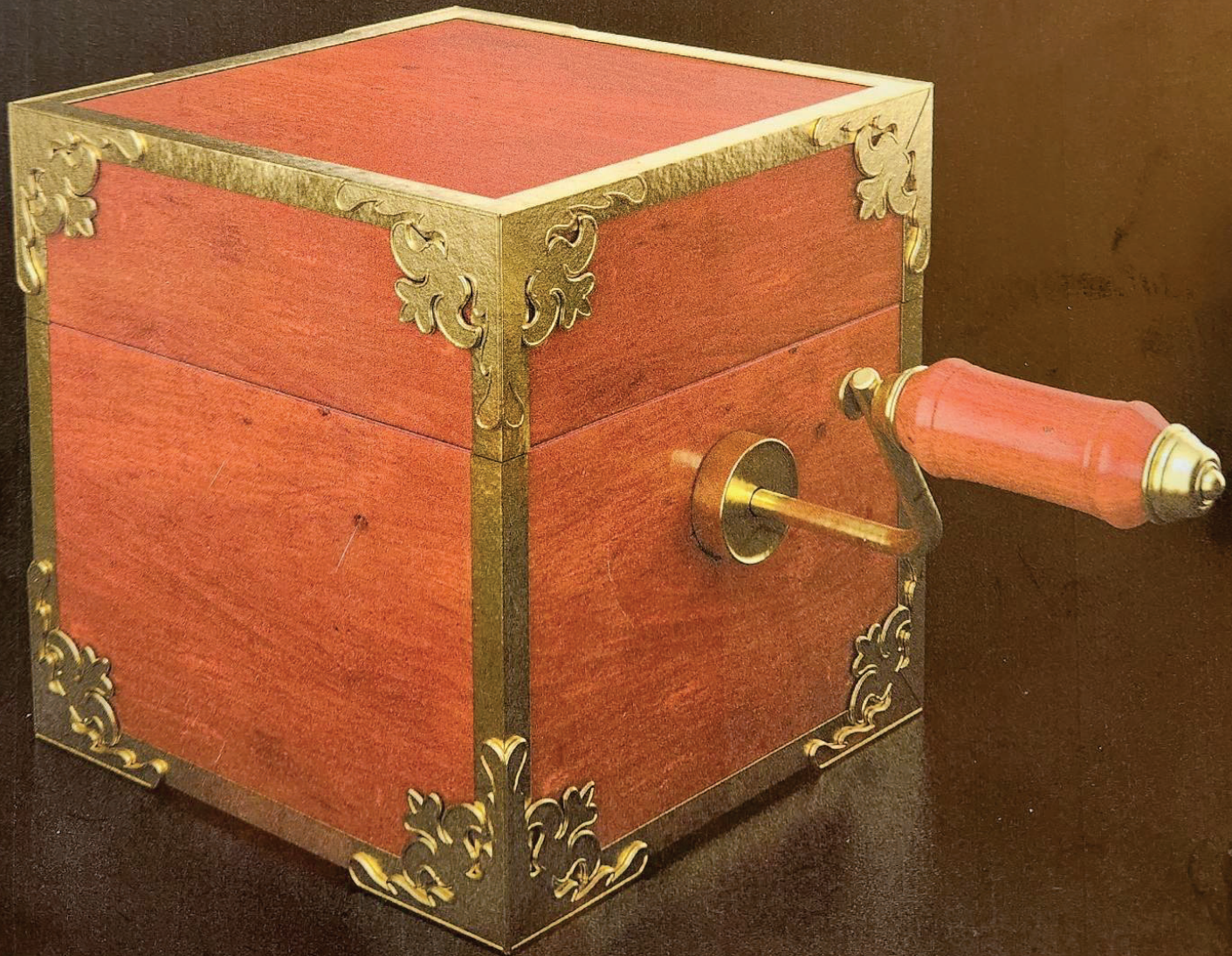
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**With Tom Dippel,
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extreme idea will pop up.**

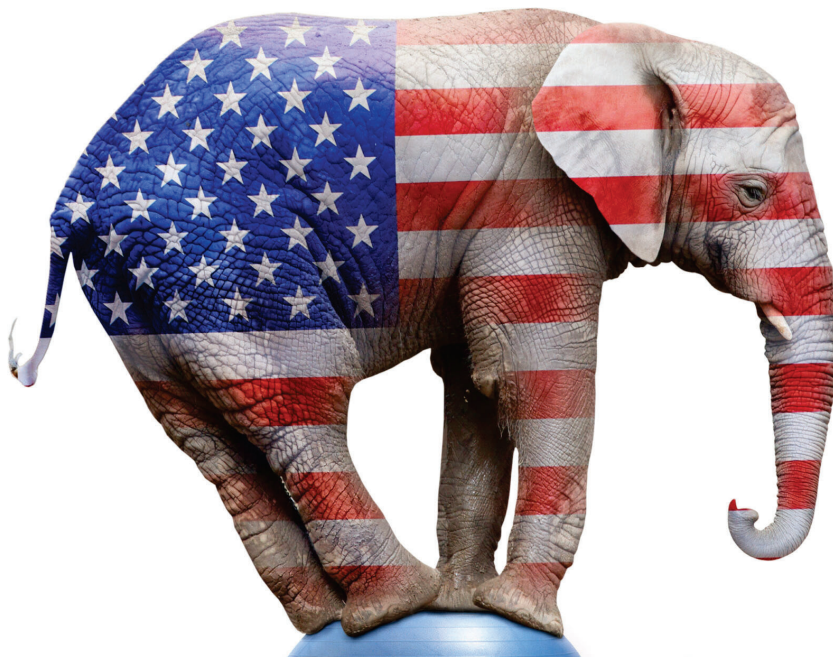




GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Action 4 Liberty candidates win GOP endorsements in eastern metro districts

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Getty Images.

Two candidates aligned with the far right-wing group Action 4 Liberty won the Republican endorsements in two eastern metro battleground districts, defeating more conventional conservatives and complicating the GOP's effort to take the House majority.

Republicans this November are seeking to break up the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party's trifecta by taking back the Minnesota House; the Senate isn't on the ballot. All 134 seats are up for reelection and so far 15 House members have announced that they won't run again in November. Democrats currently hold a narrow 70-63 majority in the House.

Grayson McNew – former legislative aid for semi-famous right-wing provocateur former Rep. Erik Mortensen* – on Saturday won the Republican endorsement for House District 41A, which includes Lake Elmo and Afton. McNew ran for the House in 2022, and this year he won the GOP endorsement over former Washington County Commissioner Wayne Johnson.

Johnson was supported by current Rep. Mark Wiens, R-Lake Elmo. Wiens in [his endorsement](#) said Johnson was electable and he could keep the district Republican. In 2022, Wiens won his seat by just 128 votes.

The Republican Party endorsement has remained important in GOP nominating contests.

After the local Republican party endorsed McNew, Johnson bemoaned his loss and blamed Action 4 Liberty.

“The Action For Liberty people, who are not actually ... Republicans, once again were successful in keeping MN Blue and turning our District Blue in November,” Johnson [said on Facebook](#).

Action 4 Liberty – whose members have questioned the efficacy of vaccines and the results of the 2020 election against all evidence – has long attempted to upend what they see as [“weak and feckless Republicans.”](#)

McNew said if elected he will advocate for school vouchers “immediately.”

“I will push for School Choice to be enacted immediately. We can either be leaders in education or slaves to the system,” McNew said in a [Facebook post](#). “I think it is high time we broke the chain our schools have on us and put parents back in charge of their children’s education.”

(Minnesota parents already have significant public school choice; private school vouchers would siphon money away from public schools.)

Tom Dippel on Saturday won the GOP endorsement for House District 41B, which includes Cottage Grove and Hastings. Current Rep. Shane Hudella, R-Hastings, won his seat two years ago by 418 votes. In a video on his Facebook page, Dippel said he was “encouraged” by Hudella to run for his seat.

Dippel ran for the state Senate two years ago. In a [Minnesota Family Council Voter guide](#) at the time, Dippel said that if elected he wanted to be a strong advocate for “biblical family values.”

He said that he supports an abortion ban, and that “transgender ideology” is “a grave evil that amounts to child abuse and indoctrination into a sinful lifestyle that leads to destruction.”

In the voter guide, he also called homosexuality an “abomination.”

**Correction: A previous version of this story misspelled Rep. Erik Mortensen’s name.*

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