

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Dale Lais HD 27A committee (19126);

1. Dale Lais HD 27A is the principal campaign committee of Dale Lais, a candidate for House District 27A. The Boilermakers 647 Political Action Fund is a political fund. The maximum total amount of contributions that a candidate for state representative may accept from a single political fund during the 2023-2024 election cycle is \$1,000. The committee accepted a \$2,000 contribution from the Boilermakers 647 Political Action Fund in May 2024. The \$1,000 excess amount was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. Mr. Lais stated that he did not fully understand the individual contribution limit, \$1,000 of the contribution was intended to support the purchase of a billboard by a political party unit, and the \$1,000 excess amount was refunded to the Boilermakers 647 Political Action Fund in September 2024. Mr. Lais provided documentation showing that the refund check was deposited.
3. The Lais committee and the Board agree that the committee accepted a facially excessive contribution in violation of Minnesota Statutes sections 10A.27, subdivision 1, and 10A.15, subdivision 3a. The committee registered with the Board in May 2024 and has no prior violations of the individual contribution limit.
4. To avoid a similar violation in the future, the committee agrees that its treasurer and the candidate will review applicable contribution limits, will review the amount of each contribution and enter it within 60 days of receipt within the Board's Campaign Finance Reporter Online application, and will issue a refund for any amount in excess of the individual contribution limit at the time the contribution is deposited pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3a, or if a compliance warning indicates that it is necessary to do so.
5. The Lais committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$250 for accepting a contribution in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1. The amount of the civil penalty was determined in part by the fact that this was a first-time violation of the individual contribution limit.

6. 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/ Dale M. Lais
Dale Lais
Dale Lais HD 27A

Dated: November 13, 2024

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

Dated: November 6, 2024