

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

**PRIMA FACIE  
DETERMINATION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF ZACHARY A. OLSON REGARDING SIMON TRAUTMANN:

On June 22, 2017, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board received a complaint submitted by Zachary Olson regarding Simon Trautmann.

The complaint states that Simon Trautmann was a candidate in a special election for a seat on the Richfield City Council. The complaint alleges that Mr. Trautmann did not timely file required campaign reports and/or filed inaccurate campaign reports. The complaint also alleges that Mr. Trautmann knew that he was violating campaign finance laws and that the City of Richfield ignored these violations despite receiving notice of them.

**Determination:**

Section 10A.20 of the Minnesota Statutes requires candidates to file reports with the Board if they are running for state-level offices and they meet the monetary thresholds for contributions or expenditures established in the statute.

In this matter, the candidate who is the subject of the complaint is a candidate for a local-level office. The complaint makes no claim that Mr. Trautmann was running for any state-level office. Because Mr. Trautmann was not a candidate for a state-level office, the Board has no jurisdiction over his campaign finance reports. The allegations in the complaint therefore do not support a finding of a prima facie violation regarding the reporting requirements.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, paragraph (1), this prima facie determination is made by a single Board member and not by any vote of the entire Board. Based on the above analysis, the Chair concludes that the complaint does not state a prima facie violation of Chapter 10A or of those sections of Chapter 211B under the Board's jurisdiction. The complaint is dismissed without prejudice.

/s/ Daniel N. Rosen  
Daniel N. Rosen, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Date: July 3, 2017