

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

**PRIMA FACIE  
DETERMINATION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF BRANDON HAUGRUD REGARDING LOGAN COPLAN:

On January 10, 2020, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board received a complaint submitted by Brandon Haugrud regarding Logan Coplan. The complaint states that Mr. Coplan is campaigning for election as a state representative in District 61A, but has not registered a principal campaign committee with the Board. The complaint states that Mr. Coplan has a website supporting his campaign, and has been solicitating contributions for several months. The complaint alleges that Mr. Coplan should have registered a principal campaign committee with the Board.

**Determination**

In this matter, the individual who is the subject of the complaint has not registered a campaign committee or reported campaign expenditures to the Board. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.14 requires “[t]he treasurer of a . . . principal campaign committee . . . to register with the board by filing a registration statement.” Registration with the Board is required “no later than 14 days after the committee . . . has made a contribution, received contributions, or made expenditures in excess of \$750.”

The complaint states that Mr. Coplan has a website promoting his campaign for election to the state legislature, and has been solicitating contributions for that campaign. However, there is no indication from the complaint that Mr. Coplan has received contributions in excess of \$750 or made expenditures in excess of \$750. Thus, there is no basis to conclude that Mr. Coplan was required to register with the Board. Because the allegation in the complaint is based on speculation it does not support a finding of a prima facie violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.14.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, 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/ Robert Moilanen  
Robert Moilanen, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Date: January 17, 2020