

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of Tim Walz for Governor (18135);

1. Tim Walz for Governor is the principal campaign committee of Governor Timothy Walz. The Walz committee's 2021 year-end report of receipts and expenditures disclosed contributions totaling \$115 received between January 5, 2021, and May 5, 2021, from Mark Oyaas and Hubert (Buck) Humphrey, who are both lobbyists registered with the Board. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1, prohibits the principal campaign committee of a candidate for constitutional office from accepting a contribution from a registered lobbyist during a regular session of the legislature. The legislature was in regular session on the dates the contributions were received by the Walz committee.

2. The committee's treasurer, Shelli Hesselroth, acknowledged the violation and provided copies of checks showing that the contributions were refunded to the lobbyists in January of 2022. The contributions were not returned within 90 days of deposit and are therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

3. The parties agree that the Walz committee accepted contributions from registered lobbyists during a regular session of the legislature in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1. This is the committee's first violation of the restrictions on contributions during the legislative session.

4. To avoid a similar violation in the future, the committee agrees that it will ensure that contributions are reviewed and entered in the software used by the committee to file its periodic reports within 30 days of receipt and return any unallowable contributions within 90 days.

5. The committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$115, the amount of the contributions, for accepting contributions prohibited by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1. Payment is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties.

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.



Timothy Walz
Tim Walz for Governor

Dated: July 27, 2022



Faris Rashid, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: July 6, 2022