

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of the Committee to Elect Jeff Hayden (17280);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Senator Jeff Hayden (the Candidate) agree as follows:

1. The Committee to Elect Jeff Hayden (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Senator Jeff Hayden. On its 2013 Year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures, the Committee reported that it had accepted \$6,764 in contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists, from whom the Committee accepted \$2,164, and political committees or political funds, from which the Committee accepted \$4,600. The total amount of these contributions exceeds the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources during the 2013-2014 election cycle segment, which for a state senate candidate is \$6,000. The \$764 in excess contributions was not returned within 90 days, and was therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. On July 18, 2014, the Candidate returned sufficient funds to special source contributors to bring the Committee into compliance with the limit. Copies of the checks used to return the excess contributions were provided to the Board.

3. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from special sources resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, in the 2013-2014 election cycle segment.

4. Board records show that this is the first election cycle segment in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the special source limit. The Committee registered with the Board on August 1, 2011.

5. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the Candidate and the Committee agree that they will:

- a. Refrain from personally depositing contributions. All contributions will be transferred to the Committee's treasurer for deposit into the Committee's account;
- b. Continue using the CFR reporting software provided by the Board for a period of 4 years; and
- c. Ensure that the Committee's treasurer enters all contributions into the CFR reporting software within 60 days of receipt. Contributions entered within this timeframe will allow the software to detect violations of the campaign finance laws and also provide the Committee with 30 days to return a contribution to its source before it is deemed accepted.

6. The Candidate agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 against the Candidate for accepting special source contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27,

subdivision 11. The penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2017. If the Candidate violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11 before January 1, 2017, the civil penalty is due immediately. If the Candidate does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subd. 11 within that timeframe, the civil penalty is waived.

7. If the Candidate 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/ Jeffrey Hayden Dated: 10/18/2014

Senator Jeff Hayden, Candidate
Committee to Elect Jeff Hayden

/s/ Deanna Wiener Dated: 10/7/2014

Deanna Wiener, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board