

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of Tama Theis for Minnesota House (Registration No. 17635);

1. A routine staff review by the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board of the Tama Theis for Minnesota House Committee's 2014 pre-primary-election Report of Receipts and Expenditures identified a contribution which, as reported, constitutes a violation of the Minnesota Statutes.
2. The Tama Theis for Minnesota House Committee (the Committee) reported that, on February 18, 2014, it received a contribution from SCHA PAC in the amount of \$300. The Committee is a principal campaign committee registered with the Board. SCHA PAC is an association not registered with the Board.
3. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13 prohibits a principal campaign committee from accepting a contribution from an unregistered association that exceeds \$200 unless the contributor provides a written disclosure statement as required by that section. The appropriate disclosure was not provided with the SCHA PAC contribution.
4. The Committee returned \$100 to SCHA PAC on July 21, 2014. A copy of the check used to return the contribution was provided to the Board on October 20, 2014. However, the prohibited portion of the contribution was not returned within the 90-day period within which a contribution may be returned to avoid a violation and is therefore deemed accepted.
5. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the Committee agrees that it will:
 - a. Not accept any contributions of more than \$200 from associations that are unregistered with the Board until January 1, 2017; and
 - b. Send its treasurer to attend the Board's in-person compliance training within 12 months of the date this agreement is signed by both parties.
6. The Committee agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$100 against the Committee for accepting a contribution without the disclosure required by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13. \$25 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. \$75 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2017. If the Committee violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13 before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the Committee does not violate Minnesota

Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13 until January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

7. 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/ Tama Theis Dated: 11/24/2014

Tama Theis
Tama Theis for Minnesota House

/s/ Gary Goldsmith Dated: 11/18/2014

Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of November 18, 2014

/s/ Deanna Wiener

Deanna Wiener, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board