

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

**FINDINGS AND ORDER IN THE MATTER OF
A CONTRIBUTION WITHOUT PROVIDING REGISTRATION NUMBER
BY LEE McGRATH**

Summary of the Facts

In response to an inquiry from the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (“the Board”), the Friends of Tom Bakk Committee (“the Committee”) confirmed that Lee McGrath made a contribution to the Committee without identifying the contribution as a lobbyist contribution. Mr. McGrath registered with the Board as a lobbyist on October 7, 2005.

Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 5, prohibits a registered lobbyist from making a contribution without providing the lobbyist’s name and registration number. A lobbyist that violates this section is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the Board of up to \$1,000.

By letter dated February 13, 2007, the Board notified Lee McGrath of the correspondence received from the Committee and the statutory provision that appeared to be violated. Mr. McGrath responded by letter dated February 24, 2007. Mr. McGrath stated, “...I was unaware of the requirement. 2006 was the first year in which I made contributions after registering as a lobbyist in October 2005. I did not intend to mislead Senator Bakk’s committee or circumvent the Minn. Stat. §10A.15 subdivision 5 with my contribution.”

This matter was considered by the Board in executive session on March 13, 2007. The Findings are based on the correspondence from Senator Tom Bakk, Mr. McGrath, and Board records.

Based on the above Summary of the Facts and Relevant Statutes, the Board makes the following:

Findings Concerning Probable Cause

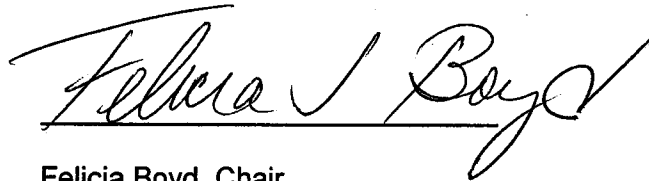
There is evidence that Lee McGrath failed to indicate his lobbyist registration number on a contribution to a candidate. The Board finds that there is probable cause to believe that Mr. McGrath inadvertently violated Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 5.

Based on the above Findings, the Board issues the following:

Order

1. For failure to provide a lobbyist registration number on or with the contribution the Board orders Lee McGrath to pay a civil penalty of \$125, which is one times the amount of the contribution. This civil penalty must be paid within 30 days.
2. If Lee McGrath does not comply with the provisions of this order, the Board's Executive Director shall refer this matter to the Ramsey County Attorney for civil enforcement pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.273.
3. The Board investigation of this matter is entered into the public record in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.02, subdivision 11, and upon payment by Lee McGrath of the civil penalties imposed herein, the matter is concluded.

Dated: March 13, 2007

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Felicia J. Boyd". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Felicia Boyd, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Relevant Statutes

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5. **Registration number on checks.** A contribution made to a candidate by a lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or party unit must show the name of the lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or party unit and the number under which it is registered with the board.