

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

FINAL AUDIT REPORT

AUDIT OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC SUBSIDY PAYMENTS – HOUSE DISTRICT 52B SPECIAL ELECTION:

A candidate must do the following to be eligible for public subsidy payments for a special election: (1) register a principal campaign committee with the Board and sign a public subsidy agreement in which the candidate agrees, among other requirements, to be bound by a spending limit; (2) raise a statutorily-specified amount in qualifying contributions from individuals eligible to vote in Minnesota, which for House candidates is \$1,500; (3) file an affidavit of contributions with the Board verifying that the candidate has raised the required amount in qualifying contributions; (4) file a pre-special primary report of receipts and expenditures if there is a special primary election; and 5) appear on the special election ballot.

To ensure eligibility for public subsidy payments for the special election in House District 52B, the Board audited the qualifying contributions of candidates seeking public subsidy payments who did not use the Campaign Finance Reporter Online application to submit their affidavits of contributions. Monetary contributions received by the committees from January 1, 2023, through September 25, 2023, were eligible to be counted to meet the qualifying amount. However, no more than \$50 in total from any one contributor may be included in the total to reach the required level.

Applying the audit criteria to candidates who were seeking public subsidy payments in the special election for House District 52B resulted in an audit of three candidates that filed their affidavit on paper instead of electronically: Cynthia Callais, Jay Miller, and Cynthia Lonquist. The Board asked each candidate to provide a list of the individual contributions that had been included in the total on their affidavit of contributions along with each contributor's name and address.

Board staff reviewed the lists of individual contributors provided by the candidates against the criteria for eligible qualifying contributions. Jeff Sigurdson, executive director to the Board, was the individual primarily responsible for the audit. Mr. Sigurdson was supported in evaluating the candidates' responses by Megan Engelhardt, assistant executive director.

The chart below lists the candidates who were subject to the audit and their audited contributions.

Reg. No.	Committee Name	Party	Amount of 2023 qualifying contributions
19013	Cynthia Callais for Minnesota	DFL	\$3,652
19016	Miller (Jay) 4 MN House	DFL	\$1,635
19017	Cynthia (Lonnquist) 4 MN House	RPM	\$2,145

Audit finding:

All three committees subject to the audit raised the required amount in qualifying contributions.

/s/ Jeff Sigurdson
Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Date: November 1, 2023

/s/ George W. Soule
George W. Soule, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

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