

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

In the matter of the Bill McLaughlin for Senate 3 Campaign Committee:

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and William McLaughlin hereby agree as follows:

1. In March 2003, the Bill McLaughlin for Senate 3 Committee accepted a \$200 contribution from Anthony Kwilas, a registered lobbyist. The contribution exceeded by \$100 the applicable \$100 per individual contribution limit, as set out in Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 1(a)(4). Further, the contribution was received during the 2003 regular legislative session. The contribution was not returned to the contributor.
  
2. By letter dated April 23, 2004, George Broberg, treasurer, provided a copy of the undated check for \$200 from Mr. Kwilas that was deposited in March 2003.
  
3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Bill McLaughlin for Senate 3 Campaign Committee reported acceptance of a contribution that facially exceeded the applicable

contribution limit. The Bill McLaughlin for Senate 3 Campaign Committee has been registered with the Board since July 17, 2002.

4. The parties agree that the Bill McLaughlin for Senate 3 Campaign Committee accepted a facially excessive contribution resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd 1(a)(4), in calendar year 2003.

5. On June 15, 2004, the Board issued Findings of Probable Cause ordering William McLaughlin to pay a civil penalty of \$400 for acceptance of Mr. Kwilas's contribution during the legislative session.

6. William McLaughlin hereby agrees to return \$100 to Mr. Kwilas, and to provide the Board with a copy of the check and accompanying letter returning the excess contribution within thirty days after the date this agreement is signed by the Board chair.

7. It is agreed by the parties that copies of the check and accompanying letter returning the contribution and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subds. 3 and 4.

8. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by William McLaughlin and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement shall then become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minn. Stat. §§10A.02, subd. 11, and 10A.28, subd. 3.

\_\_\_\_\_ Dated: 7/13/04  
William McLaughlin

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: 7/27/04  
Wil Fluegel , chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board