

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

**Findings and Order in the Matter of Acceptance of a Contribution by
the (Matthew) Gladue for Senate Committee**

Summary of the Facts

The (Matthew) Gladue for Senate Committee (“Committee”) filed a 2006 Report of Receipts and Expenditures with the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (“Board”) on February 1, 2007. The Report disclosed that the Committee accepted \$600 in contributions from the Neighbors for Matthew Gladue Committee, the committee of a candidate registered in Hennepin County seeking election as a county commissioner.

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9, clause (d), prohibits a candidate or the treasurer of a candidate’s principal campaign committee from accepting a contribution from a committee of a candidate for a political subdivision office.

By letter dated March 16, 2007, Board staff notified Suzanne Bring, treasurer, and Matthew Gladue of the potential violation. Mr. Gladue and Ms. Bring responded by letter dated March 22, 2007, which states “In early 2006, Neighbors for Gladue...made a contribution to Gladue for Senate...By the time of this contribution...Neighbors for Gladue was terminating its activities. ...Gladue for Senate operated wholly during 2006. This campaign raised money and expended funds in a manner that we believed was fully in keeping with the State of Minnesota campaign finance law. ...As your letter pointed out, however, we failed to note 10A.27, subdivision 9. We fully acknowledge our error.”

Both committees have filed termination reports.

The matter was considered by the Board in executive session on May 8, 2007. The Board’s decision was based upon the response from Mr. Gladue, Ms. Bring, and Board records.

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

Findings Concerning Probable Cause

There is probable cause to believe that the Matthew Gladue for Senate Committee accepted two contributions totaling \$600 from the Neighbors for Matthew Gladue Committee in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9, clause (d) and there is probable cause to believe that the contributions were not returned within 60 days. There is no specified civil penalty for violating this statute.

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

ORDER

1. In lieu of returning the contribution to the Neighbors for Gladue committee, which no longer exists, Matthew Gladue is ordered to remedy the violation by forwarding to the Board \$600 by check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota for deposit in the General Fund of the State. This payment shall be made within thirty days from receipt of this order.
2. The record in this matter and all correspondence is hereby entered into the public record in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.02, subdivision 11, and upon receipt by the Board of the payment specified in Paragraph 1, this matter is closed.

Dated: May 8, 2007



Felicia Boyd, chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Relevant Statute

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9, clause (d) A candidate or the treasurer of a candidate's principal campaign committee must not accept a contribution from a candidate for political subdivision office in any state, unless the contribution is from the personal funds of the candidate for political subdivision office. A candidate or the treasurer of a candidate's principal campaign committee must not make a contribution from the principal campaign committee to a candidate for political subdivision office in any state.