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SUBJECT: Obsolete rules report pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 14.05, subdivision 5.

The Board adopted administrative rules on January 15, 2025. A notice of adoption will be published in the *State Register* on February 18, 2025, and the adopted rules will take effect on February 25, 2025, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 14.38. As of that date, there will not be any Board rules or portions thereof that are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules.

Minnesota Rules 4511.0500, subpart 3, will be amended effective February 25, 2025, to address the same subject as the rule currently codified at Minnesota Rules 4511.0500, subpart 5. To prevent a duplicative rule subpart, Minnesota Rules 4511.0500, subpart 5, will be repealed effective February 25, 2025.

What follows is a list of portions of rules that were identified as being partially obsolete within the list submitted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 14.05, subdivision 5, covering 2024.

Minnesota Rules 4503.0200, subpart 5 – The text "when notice required under subpart 4 is filed or" will be deleted effective February 25, 2025, because subpart 4 was repealed in 2005.

Minnesota Rules 4503.0500, subpart 4 – The text "benefit of a political committee or a political fund" will be changed to "benefit of a principal campaign committee, political party unit, political committee, or

political fund" effective February 25, 2025, because the terms principal campaign committee and political party unit were excluded from the definition of the term political committee after Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivision 15, which is now codified at Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivision 27, was amended in 1999.

Minnesota Rules 4503.0800, subparts 2-4 – Each instance of "candidate" or "candidates" will be changed to be inclusive of a "local candidate" or "local candidates" effective February 25, 2025. That change is necessary because Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivisions 4 and 11, were amended in 2021 to alter the definitions of the terms approved expenditure and contribution to be inclusive of local candidates. The term local candidate, which was amended in 2021, and was amended again effective January 1, 2025, is currently defined by Minnesota Statues section 10A.01, subdivision 10d, to mean "an individual who seeks nomination or election to a county, city, school district, township, or special district office."

Minnesota Rules 4503.1000 – Each instance of "candidate" will be changed to be inclusive of a "local candidate" effective February 25, 2025. That change is necessary because Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivisions 4 and 11, were amended in 2021 to alter the definitions of the terms approved expenditure and contribution to be inclusive of local candidates. As was the case prior to 2021, candidates are prohibited from making contributions to, or accepting contributions from, local candidates, so joint expenses made by candidates and local candidates must be allocated so as to prevent value from being provided without compensation.

Minnesota Rules 4511.0500, subpart 1 – The text "subpart 2" will be changed to "Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.04, subdivision 9" effective February 25, 2025, because subpart 2 was repealed and replaced by section 10A.04, subdivision 9, in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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