

**BEFORE THE IOWA  
ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD  
Pursuant to Chapter 17A and Chapter 68B**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF:</b>	)	
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<b>KAREN BOLLUYT,</b>	)	<b>Case No. <u>2006 IECDB 01</u></b>
<b>In Her Capacity as the Candidate for</b>	)	
<b>Citizens for Bolluyt,</b>	)	<b>PROPOSED DECISION and ORDER</b>
<b>RESPONDENT.</b>	)	<b><u>OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER</u></b>

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This matter was originally scheduled to be heard on May 13, 2006. When Ms. Bolluyt did not appear for the hearing or otherwise provide a defense, a Default Decision and Order was entered on May 30, 2006. In response to a subsequent Motion to Vacate being filed by Ms. Bolluyt, an Order to Vacate and Notice of Hearing was entered on July 25, 2006.

A hearing was held on September 1, 2006. The Board's legal counsel, Charles Smithson, and Ms. Bolluyt were present by telephone. The hearing was to determine if Ms. Bolluyt violated Iowa Code section 68A.402 by failing to file a January 19, 2006, campaign disclosure and whether Ms. Bolluyt violated rule 351—4.21 by failing to file a copy of her 2005 reconciled campaign bank statement.

At the hearing Mr. Smithson stated that the report and bank statement were both filed on June 13, 2006. Ms. Bolluyt agreed that the report and bank statement were filed on that date and acknowledged that they were both filed late.

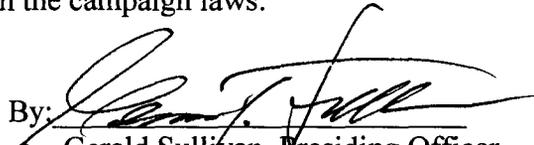
Ms. Bolluyt stated that she had been experiencing a personal medical issue, was sorry that this situation had occurred, and expressed interest in closing her campaign committee. Mr. Smithson stated that based on the filings, that the only campaign activity that had taken place was the payment of a \$200 civil penalty for a previously filed late report.

Based on the evidence presented, the Presiding Officer makes the following findings:

1. Ms. Bolluyt violated Iowa Code section 68A.402 and rule 351—4.21 as alleged in the original Statement of Charges.
2. All required information was filed after the original hearing date of May 16, 2006, but prior to the subsequent hearing date of September 1, 2006.
3. Ms. Bolluyt's medical condition contributed to the late-filing of the campaign report and campaign bank statement. She is not currently on the ballot and her campaign had limited activity during the time period in question. Finally, she expressed remorse for this situation occurring.

Based on the evidence, discussions at the hearing, and agreement between Ms. Bolluyt and Mr. Smithson, IT IS SO ORDERED pending final approval by the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board:

1. The Citizens for Bolluyt campaign committee will reimburse the Board \$250 for costs related to this matter.
2. The Board's staff shall work with Ms. Bolluyt to dissolve her campaign committee.
3. Ms. Bolluyt is admonished to exercise care in the future that if she runs for office the Board will expect full and complete compliance with the campaign laws.

By:   
Gerald Sullivan, Presiding Officer

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 2006.

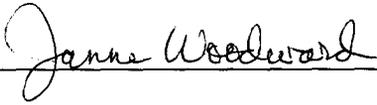
Pursuant to rule 351—11.26(1), within 14 days after the issuance of this proposed decision either party may serve a statement of exceptions with the proposed decision together with a brief and arguments. An exception shall be served by delivery of the original and five copies of each document to the Board office. A copy of all filings shall also be served on the opposing party. At the time of filing an exception, either party may request oral arguments. If oral arguments are not requested, the Board will rule on the arguments raised in the briefs. If exceptions are not filed concerning this matter the Board will automatically review this proposed decision. The

Board's decision on review of a proposed decision is a final agency action. Pursuant to the provisions of 351—11.27, either party may apply for a rehearing from a final order of the Board.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this Proposed Decision and Order of the Presiding Officer was sent by first class mail, address service requested, on September 8, 2006, to:

Karen Bolluyt  
3938 Squaw Road  
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