Oklahoma Ethics Commission



Oklahoma Ethics Commission Guardian 2.0 System Onboarding Guide

Candidate Committee

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I. Introduction

How to Use This Guide

This Guide summarizes users' initial use of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission Guardian 2.0 System for those parties reporting to the Ethics Commission. This guide provides instructions for creating a user login/profile as well as registering with the Ethics Commission. This guide is not a substitute for the law. If there is a conflict between this Guide and the Constitution, statutes, or Rules, then the Constitution, statutes or Rules prevail. This guide does not replace the guides available at Oklahoma Ethics Commission which provide information for compliance with Ethics Rules and other relevant law for those parties reporting to the Ethics Commission. These additional guides are found at Oklahoma Ethics Commission Guides.

Note: The screen shots below are subject to minor changes in verbiage or labels.

Limited Scope

This Guide is not intended to provide comprehensive information about all Ethics Rules and other relevant law concerning enforcement, complaints, complaints, and investigations.

What is the purpose of the Guardian 2.0 System?

This document provides an overview of the entities mentioned above on registration and onboarding. Additional guides are provided for navigation, data entry, and filing an original or amended report in the Guardian 2.0 System. Registered entities use the Guardian 2.0 System to:

- 1. Register with the Ethics Commission
- 2. Enter Transactions All contributions, other funds, and expenditures
- 3. File Reports
- 4. Pay Fees
- 5. View All Filed Reports, Perform Searches, and Download Data

II. The Ethics Commission's Guardian 2.0 System

The Guardian System is both a filing and disclosure system that contains financial detail and related information that lobbyists, candidate committees, political party committees, political action committees, special committees, and certain state officers and employees are required by law to disclose. Regulated users will use the system to file all required reports online. All lobbyist and committee filings are available for you to review online, save, print, or extract for further analysis.

Who should use this Guardian 2.0 System?

Users should review all registration and reporting requirements prior to registering via the links to guides below each entity. The following are types of entities needing to *Register* and use the Guardian 2.0 System:

- <u>Candidate Committee</u> A Candidate Committee is the only committee authorized by a candidate to accept contributions or to make expenditures on behalf of the candidate's campaign. See <u>Candidate</u> <u>Guide</u> for more information.
- <u>Lobbyist or Liaison</u> Individuals who are compensated to engage in lobbying activities on behalf of a third party are defined by the entity they lobby and whether they are state officers or employees. See <u>Lobbyist</u> <u>Guide</u> for more information.
- Political Action Committee (PAC) A PAC is any group of two or more persons that receives contributions or makes expenditures for any of these purposes:
 - (1) make contributions to candidates or candidate committees;
 - (2) make contributions to other PACs;
 - (3) make election engineering communications; or
 - (4) advocate the approval or defeat of state questions.

See Political Action Committee Guide for more information.

- Political Party Committee
 A Political Party Committee is a committee
 authorized by a political party, which is recognized under the laws of the
 State of Oklahoma, to accept contributions and make expenditures on
 behalf of the political party. See <u>Local Political Party Committee Guide</u> or
 <u>State Political Party Committee Guide</u> for more information.
- **Special Function Committee** A committee formed due to an elected state officer solicitation for an event or to pay litigation funds, or a state officer or employee or state agency sponsoring an event. See State Officers and Employees Guide for more information.

III. Create an Account

Prior to registering, the user must create an account providing an email and setting a password. First time users can select the email to use for this new account. For users of the prior Guardian System, the email used to create accounts must be the same as was used in prior system to enable conversion of prior information. All information is tied to the user email. The following workflow describes the steps for users to create a new account.

Figure 1 Guardian 2.0 System Account Creation Workflow

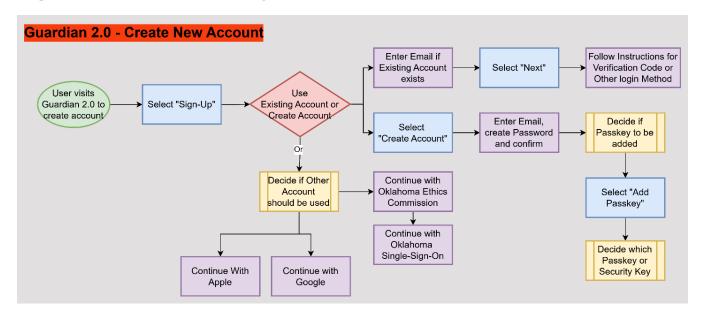


Figure 2 The Guardian 2.0 Landing Page

Users accessing the new Guardian 2.0 System will land on the following page. It provides public information but also a "Sign In" option for existing users to sign in or new users will be provided the option to create an account.



Figure 3 Select Sign In to Create Account

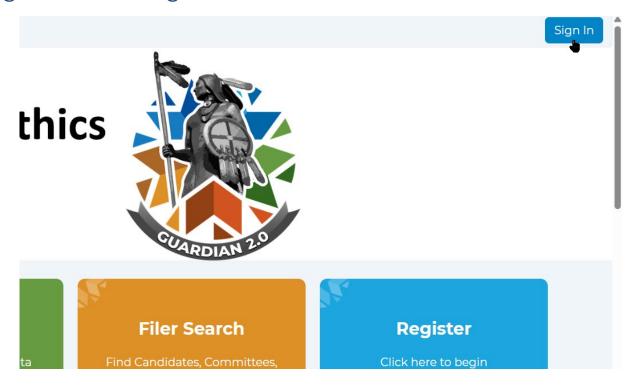
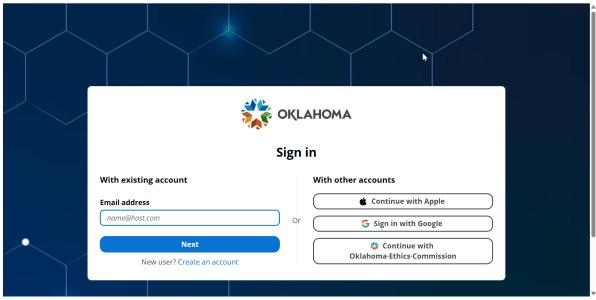


Figure 4 Enter Email to Create Account

First time users can select the email to use for creating a new account. For users of the prior Guardian System, the email used to create accounts must be the same as was used in prior system to enable conversion of prior information. All information is tied to the user email.



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Figure 5 Select Create Account

After email is entered, users will select the "Create an account" option.

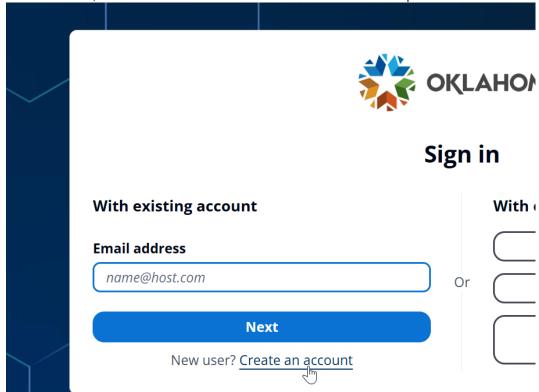
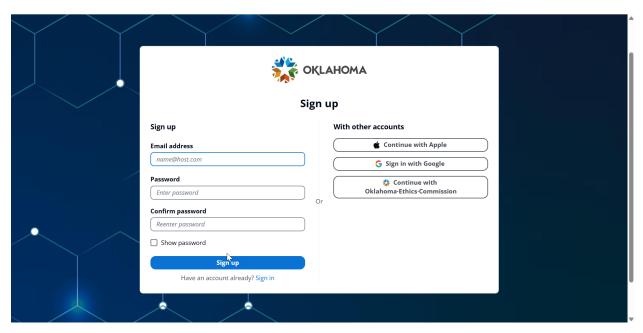


Figure 6 Create Password and Confirm



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Figure 7 Follow Password Rules & Figure 8 Sign Up Selection After Password Entry and Confirmation

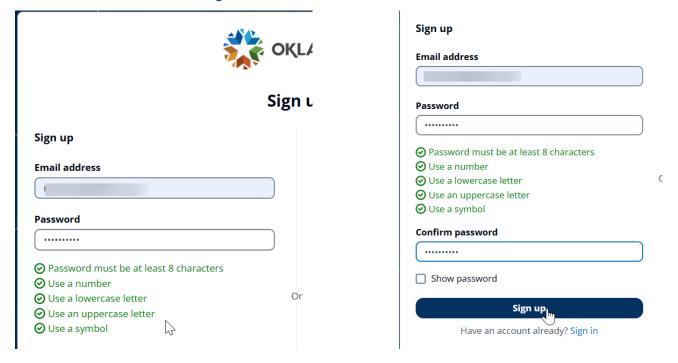
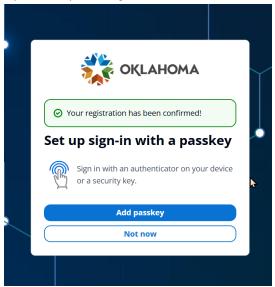


Figure 9 & 10 Optional Passkey Addition & Selection

After the Entry and Confirming Password, the User Creation will be confirmed and allow for optional passkey or device authorization code entry.



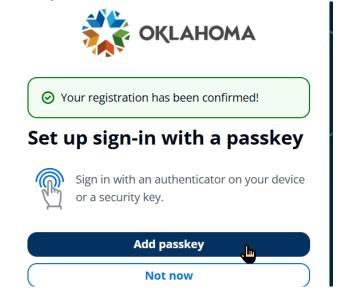


Figure 7 Passkey Creation via Google Password Manager

Users will have the option of creating a Passkey via Google, but it is not required.

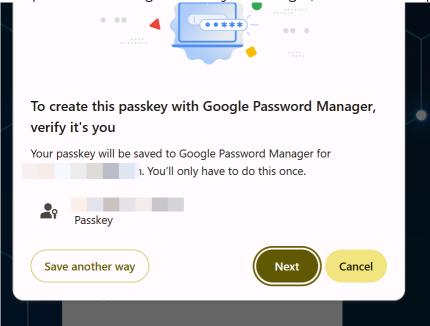
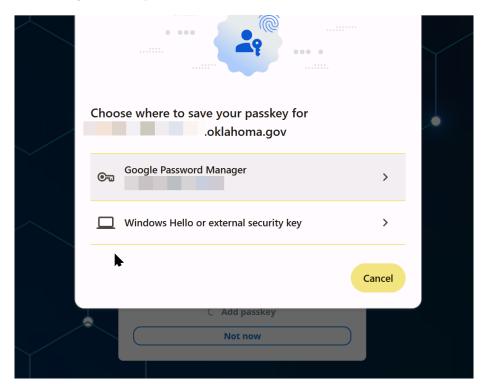


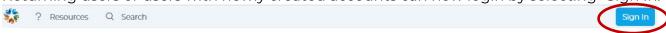
Figure 8 Passkey Setup



IV. Login

Figure 9 User Login

Returning users or users with newly created accounts can now login by selecting "Sign In."



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Figure 10 Login - Select Sign In

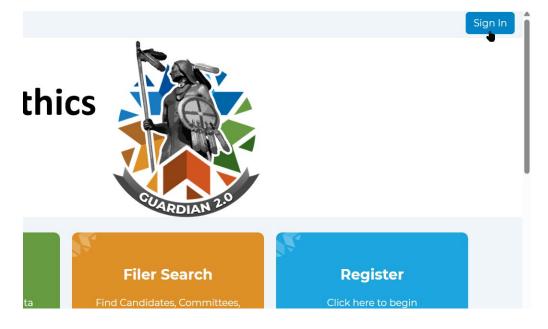


Figure 11 Existing Account Login Enter Email or select "Create an Account"

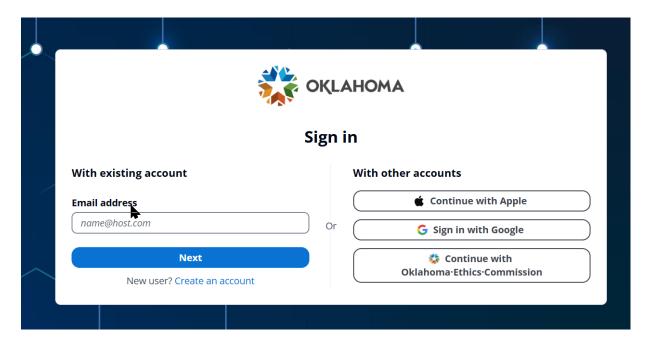


Figure 12 Enter Emailed Verification Code or Figure 18 Choose other Sign-in Method

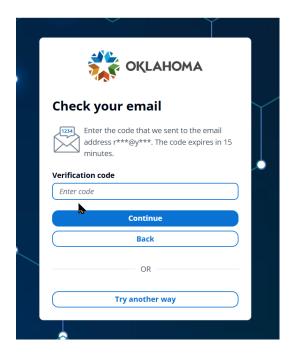
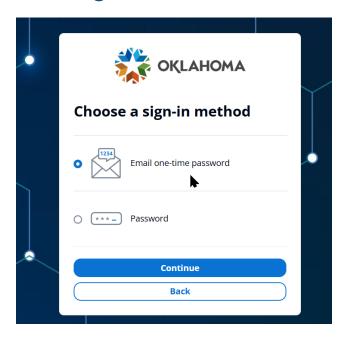


Figure 13 Choose Other Sign-In Method or Figure 14 Choose Other Sign-In - Password



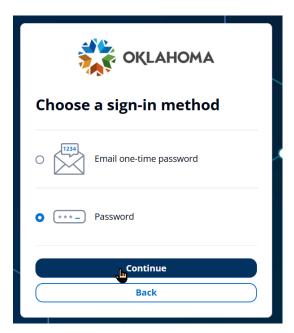
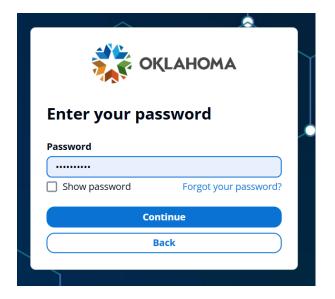


Figure 15 Password Entry - Enter Password & Figure 16 Forgot Password - Enter Email





V. Registration

Figure 17 Guardian 2.0 System Registration Workflow

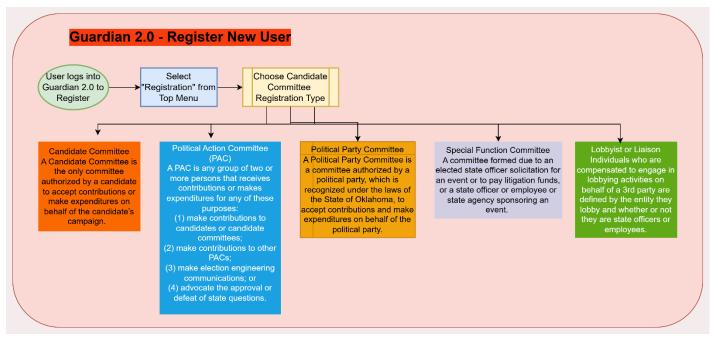


Figure 18 Select Registration Type

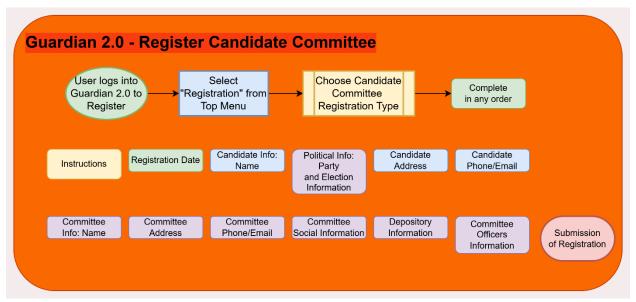
Note: Across each of the registration screens, users must select "Next/Save" to save their entries. Exiting any page or hitting "Previous" without saving causes the data to not be saved.



Candidate Committee Selection

Every candidate for elective office has a Candidate Committee. A Candidate Committee is the only committee authorized by a candidate to accept contributions or make expenditures on behalf of the candidate's campaign. See <u>Candidate Guide</u> for more information.

Figure 19 Guardian 2.0 Register Candidate Committee Workflow



Instructions

Figure 20 Candidate Committee Instructions – Select Next or Jump to each item

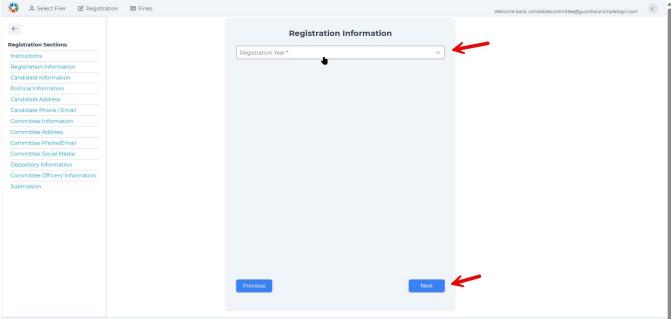
Note: Across each of the registration screens, users must select "Next/Save" to save their entries. Exiting any page or hitting "Previous" without saving causes the data to not be saved. Select "Next."



Registration Information

Figure 21 Candidate Committee - Registration Information

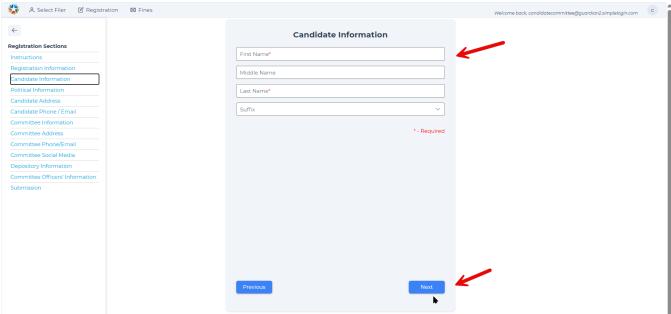
Select the Registration Year and Select "Next/Save."



Candidate Information

Figure 22 Candidate Committee - Candidate Information

Complete the name information and select "Next/Save." Note: After entry, the "Next" button becomes "Next/Save."

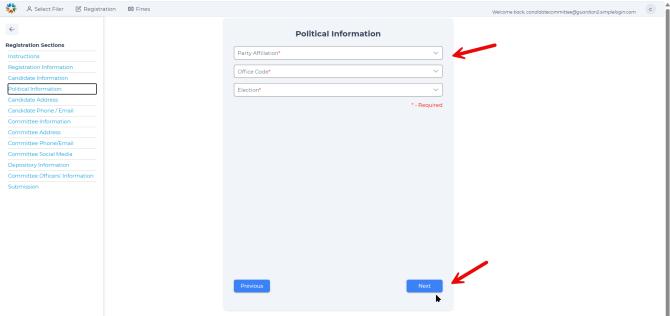


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Political Information

Figure 23 Candidate Committee - Political Information

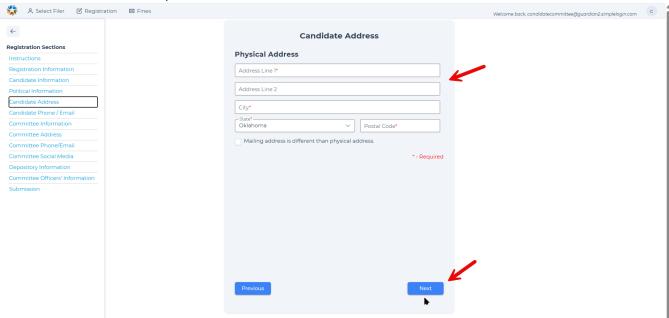
Complete the Political Information and select "Next/Save." Note: After entry, the "Next" button becomes "Next/Save."



Candidate Address

Figure 24 Candidate Committee - Candidate Address

Complete the Candidate Address and select "Next/Save." Note: After entry, the "Next" button becomes "Next/Save."

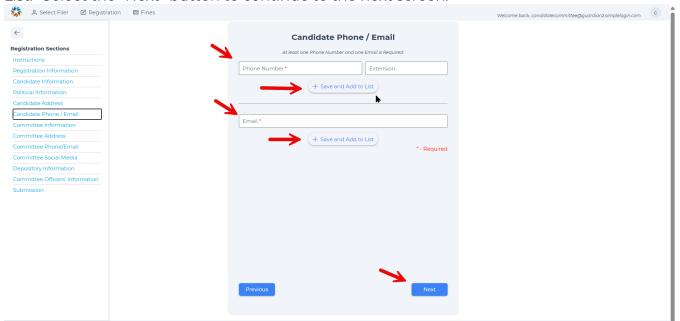


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Candidate Phone / Email

Figure 25 Candidate Committee - Candidate Phone and Email Entry

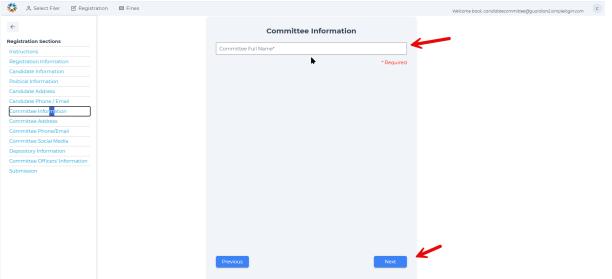
Complete Candidate Phone and Email entry and for each entry, select "Save and Add To List." Select the "Next" button to continue to the next screen.



Committee Information

Figure 26 Candidate Committee - Committee Information/Name

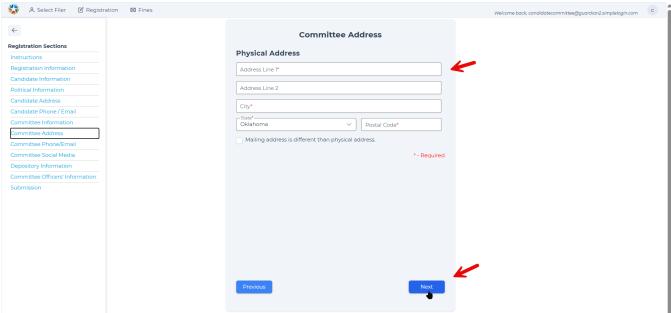
Enter Committee Full Name and select "Next/Save." Note: After entry, the "Next" button becomes "Next/Save."



Committee Address

Figure 27 Candidate Committee - Committee Address

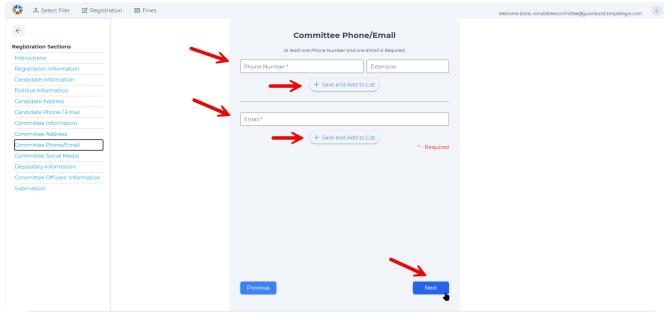
Enter Committee Address and select "Next/Save." Note: After entry, the "Next" button becomes "Next/Save."



Committee Phone / Email

Figure 28 Candidate Committee - Committee Phone and Email Entry

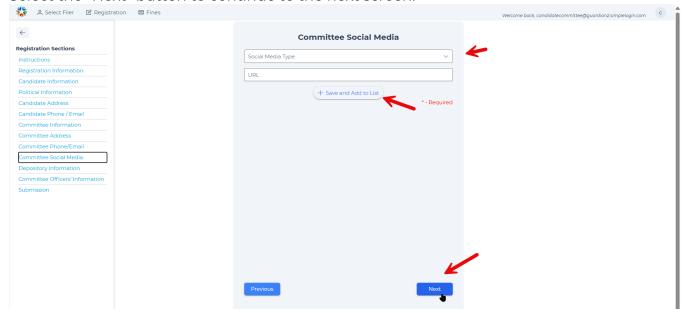
Enter Committee phone and/or email and for each entry, select "Save and Add To List." Select the "Next" button to continue to the next screen.



Committee Social Media Information

Figure 29 Candidate Committee - Committee Social Media Information

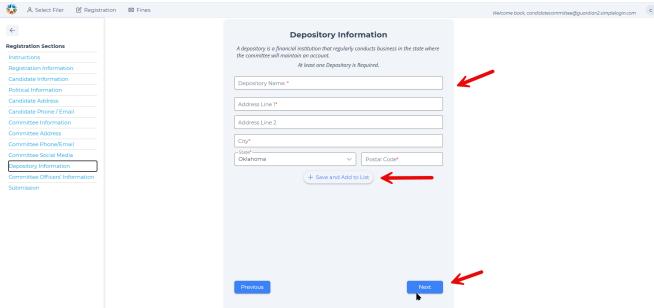
Enter Committee social media details and for each entry, select "Save and Add To List." Select the "Next" button to continue to the next screen.



Depository Information

Figure 30 Candidate Committee - Depository Information

Enter information regarding the entity's financial institution and for each entry, select "Save and Add To List." Select the "Next" button to continue to the next screen.. At least one must be entered.

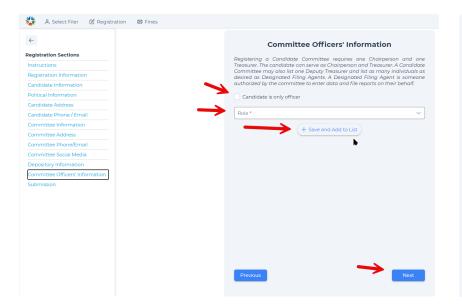


Committee Officers' Information

Figure 31 Candidate Committee - Committee Officers' Information & Figure 32 Candidate Committee - Committee Officers' Type Selection

Users are required to add at least one Chairperson and one Treasurer. Select the list to begin entering the officers' information. If the user is the only officer, select the check box for "Candidate is only Officer" to default the candidate as both the Chairperson and Treasurer.

Begin by selecting the first type of officer to be entered. At the end of entry, you will be given an option to add additional officers.



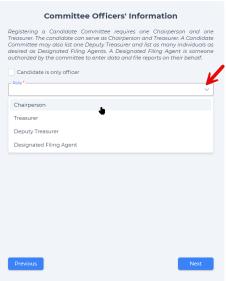


Figure 33 Candidate Committee Officer Information

Enter the officer's information including name, address, and contact information and for each entry, select "Save and Add To List.". Before selecting next, determine if additional officers should be entered.

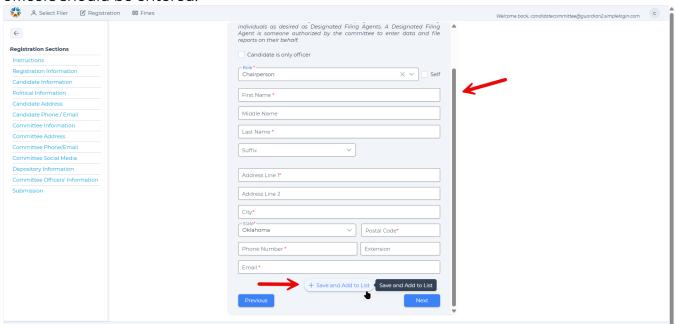
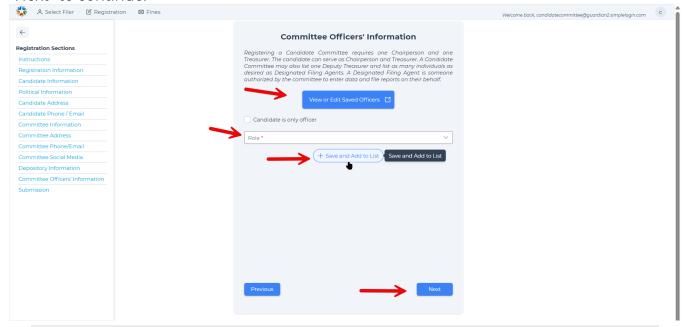


Figure 34 Candidate Committee Officer Entry and Additional Entry Option

Once the entry of all required data has been entered, select "Save and Add To List." This action provides the ability to add additional officers. When officer entry is complete, select "Next" to continue.



Submission

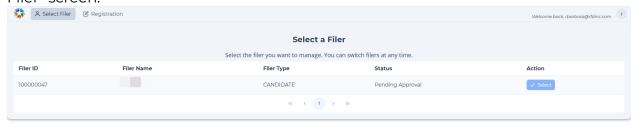
Figure 35 Sign and Submit the Registration

In order to submit the registration, users must acknowledge the accuracy of the submission by selection the check box, entering their name, and selecting "Submit." Once the registration has been submitted, a member of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission will review the registration for approval. The registration must be accepted (Conditional or Final) prior to entering transactions or filing reports.



Registrations Awaiting Approval Figure 36 Pending Registrations

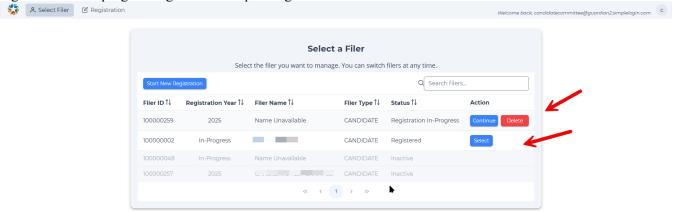
Once the registration has been submitted, a member of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission will review the registration for approval. The registration must be approved (conditional or final) prior to entering transactions or filing reports. The status can be viewed via the "Select Filer" screen.



VI. Filing Contributions or Expenditures

Figure 37 Approved Registration(s) Selection

Logging in after registering allows users to select which registered filer to work under. This list may contain registered and in progress registrations depending on the user's account.



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Figure 38 Filing Reports Option

Candidate Committee User can select this option to view, file, or amend reports for the selected registration.

Billing Schedule

Registration

Registration

Switch Filer

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Figure 39 Start Work on New Filing Event

When a user is first assigned a report, the option to start work allows them to begin reporting activities.

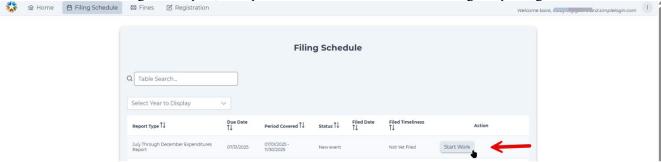
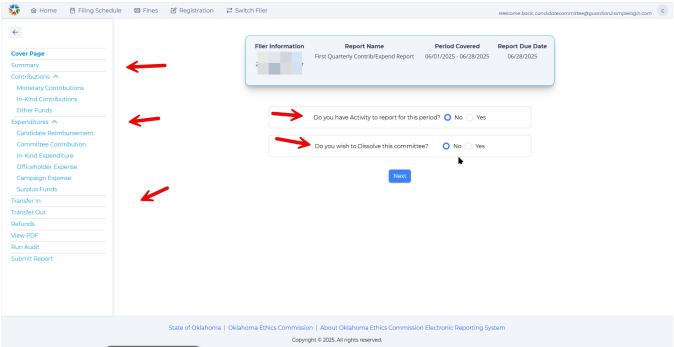


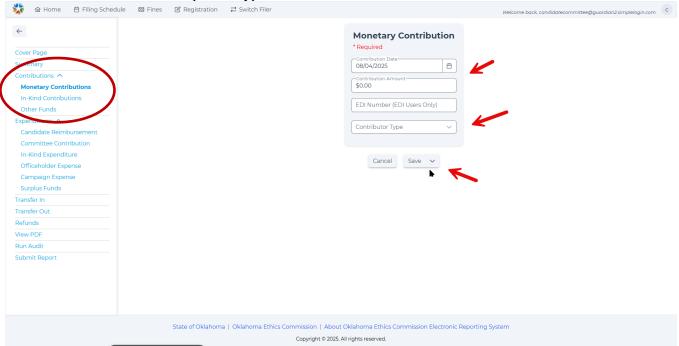
Figure 40 Begin Work Filing Contributions or Expenditures

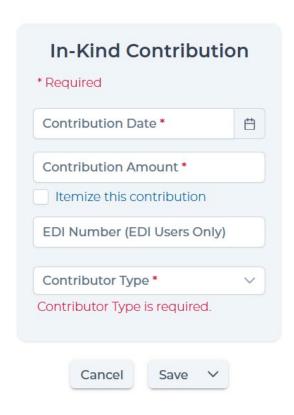
Users should select the type of activity they wish to report from the distinct types of contributions, expenditures, transfers or refunds. Users are also able to dissolve their committee via this screen.



Figures 41, 47 & 48 Complete the Contribution Activity

Fill in each of the fields based upon the type of contribution selected and "Save" the record.





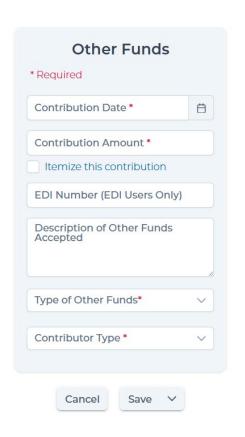


Figure 42 Complete Transfer In Activity

Fill in each of the fields based upon the type of Transfer and "Save" the record.

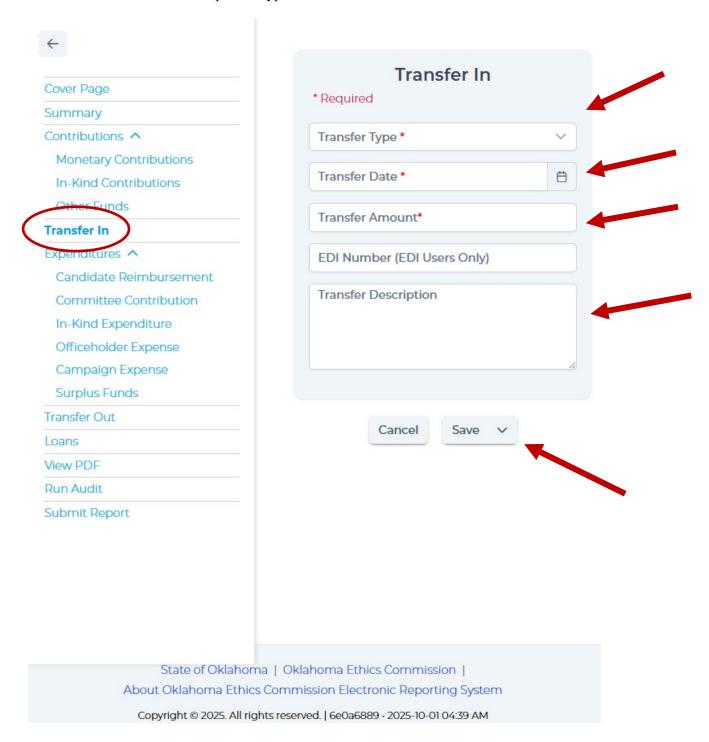
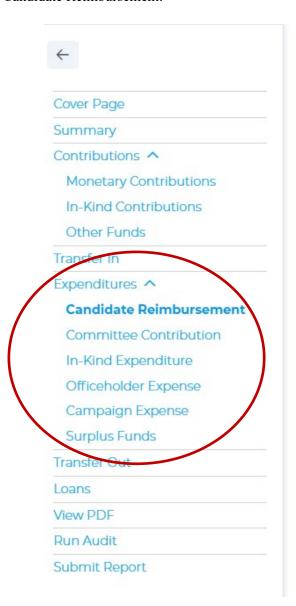
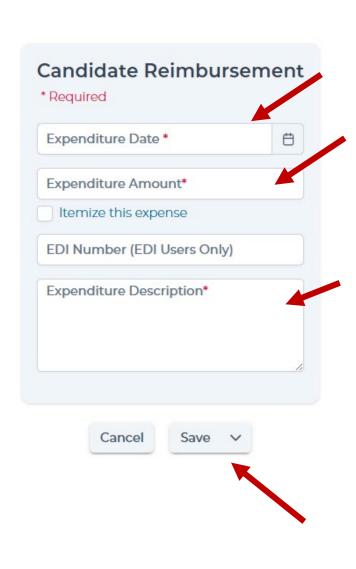


Figure 50 Expenditure Activity

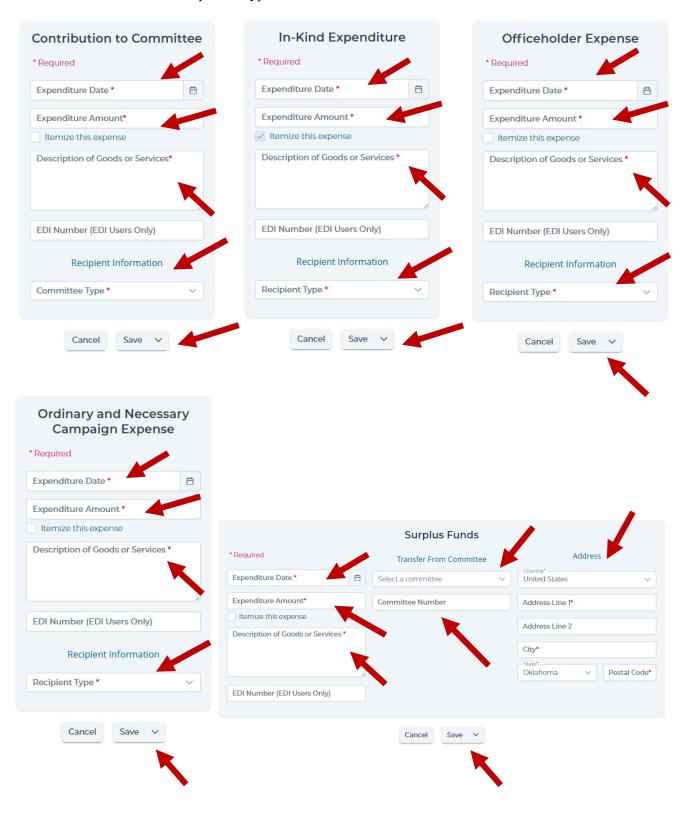
Fill in each of the fields based upon the type of contribution selected and "Save" the record. Candidate Reimbursement:





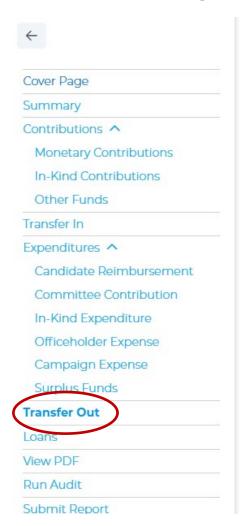
Figures 51, 52, 53, 54, & 55 of Expenditure Activity

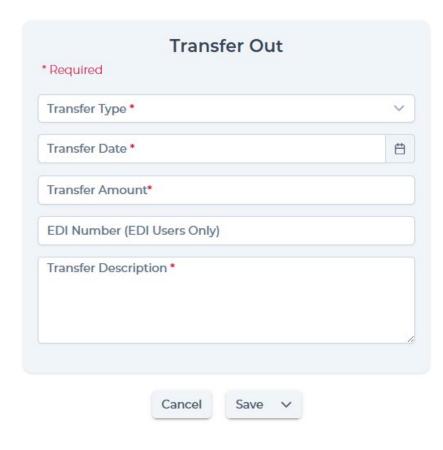
Fill in each of the fields based upon the type of contribution selected and "Save" the record.



Figures 56 Transfer Out

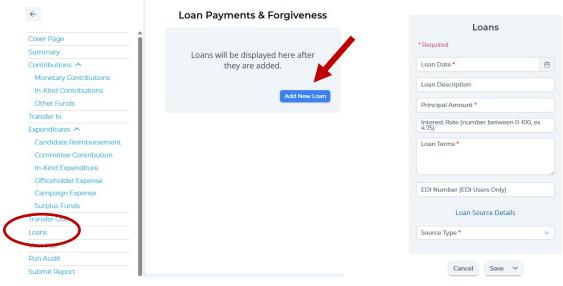
Fill in each of the fields based upon the type of Transfer and "Save" the record.





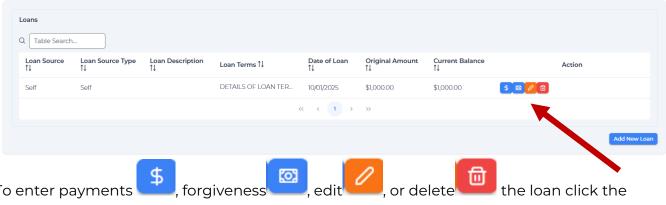
Figures 57 & 58 Loans

Click Loans and then "Add New Loan". Fill in all applicable information and Save.



Once a Loan is saved it will be logged in the system:

Loan Payments & Forgiveness



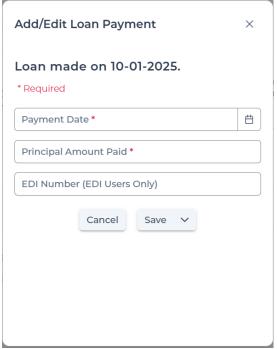
To enter payments corresponding button options on the far right of the loan.

Figures 59, 60, & 61 Loan Payment

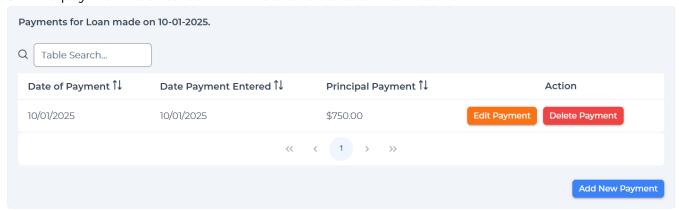
Click the payments button and then the "Add New Payment" button



In the pop-up, fill in the appropriate information for the Loan Payment and Save.



Once a payment is entered it will be available to edit or delete:

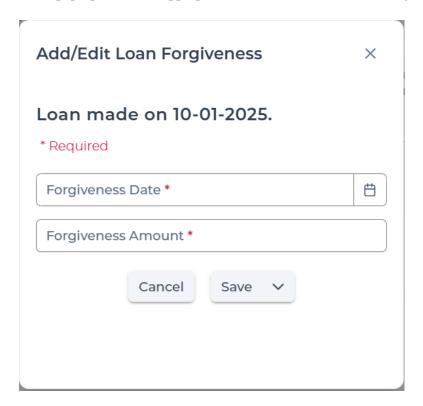


Figures 62, 63, & 64 Loan Forgiveness

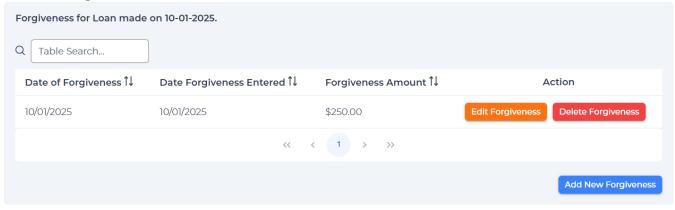
Click the forgiveness button and then the "Add New Payment" button In the pop-up, fill in the appropriate information for the Loan Payment and Save.



In the pop-up, fill in the appropriate information for the Loan Forgiveness and Save.



Once a Forgiveness is entered it will be available to edit or delete:



Submitting Reports

Figure 65 Submit Report to Preview or Submit and E-sign

Users can select "Preview PDF" or "Submit & E-sign".

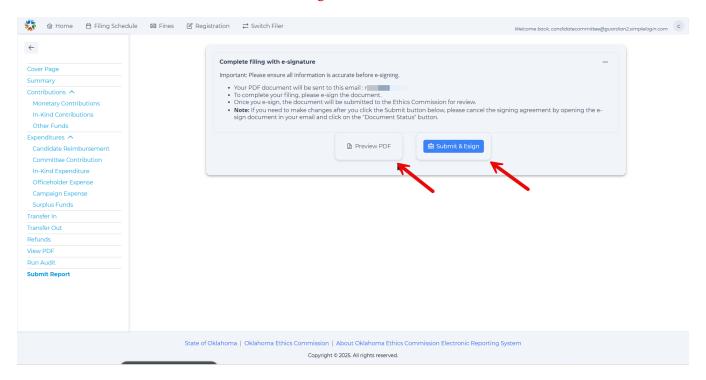


Figure 6643 Complete E-sign of PDF

User can select to "Complete E-sign" which opens the PDF document, which can then be reviewed prior to having the option of signing the PDF electronically or selecting an options to decline signature if it was not complete/accurate.

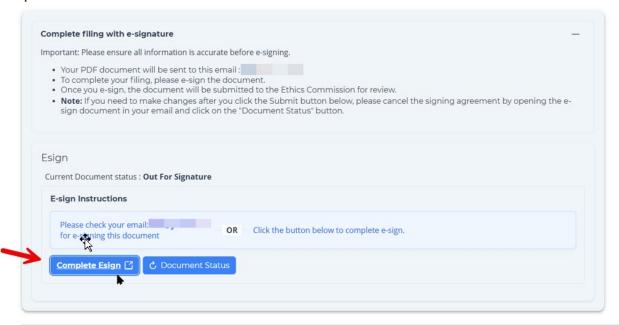
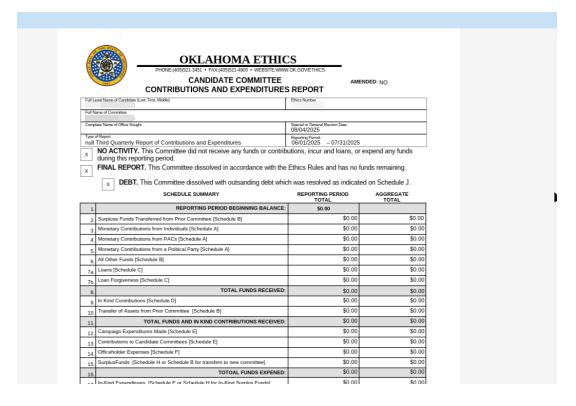


Figure 67 & 68 View and E-sign PDF



Click to Sign PDF



Figure 69 PDF Options to Decline and Other Options

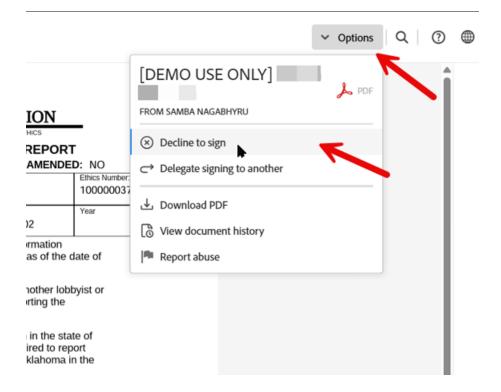


Figure 70 Option to Download copy of Signed PDF

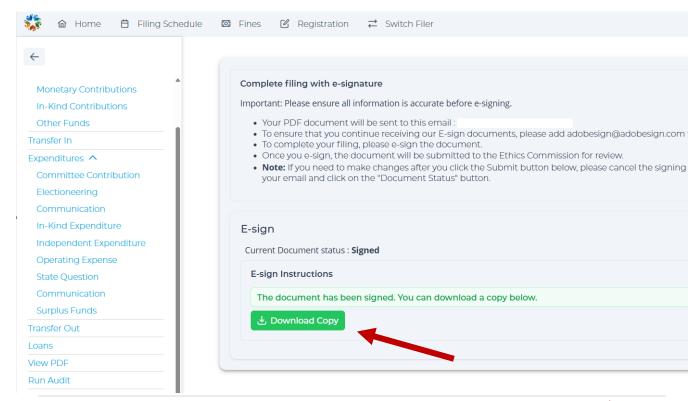


Figure 441 View or Amend Filed Report Option

By Clicking the "Filing Schedule" you can view all assigned and filed reports. Once a report is submitted you can locate it under the Filed Reports section in order to View or Amend, as needed.

