# Oklahoma Ethics Commission



Oklahoma Ethics Commission Guardian 2.0 System Onboarding Guide

Lobbyist & Liaisons

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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 parties reporting to 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> Guide 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.

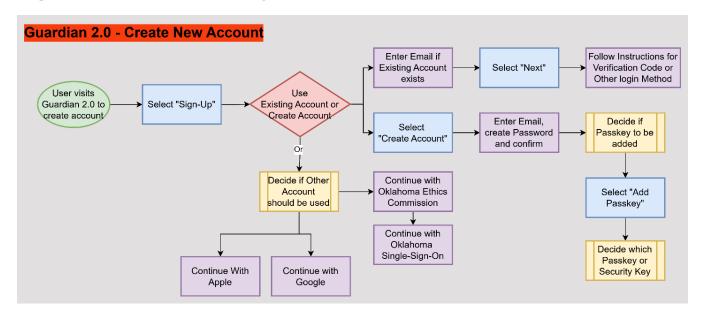
See Political Action Committee Guide for more information.

- 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 <a href="State">State</a> 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

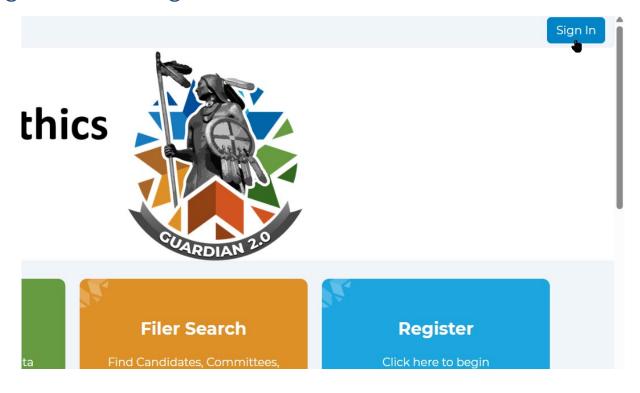


#### Figure 2 The Guardian 2.0 Landing Page

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.

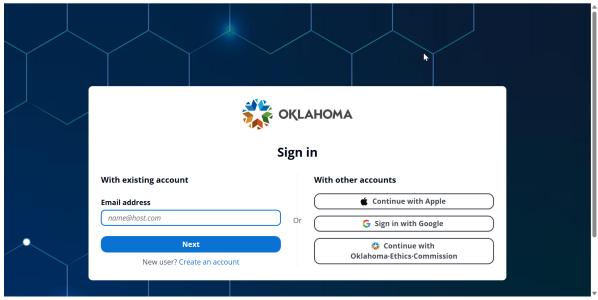


#### Figure 3 Select Sign In to Create Account



#### 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.

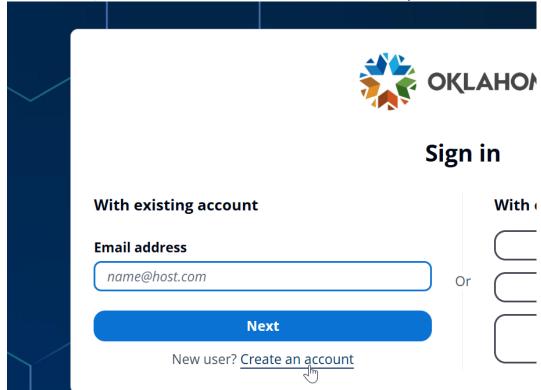
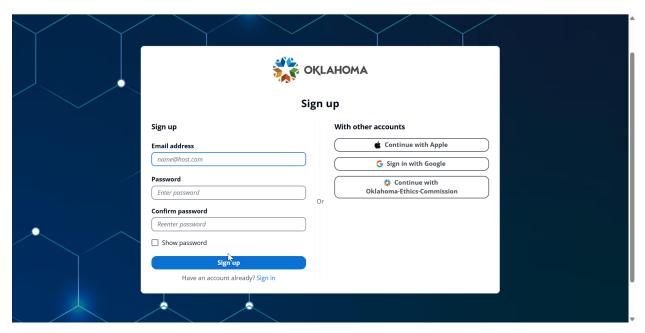
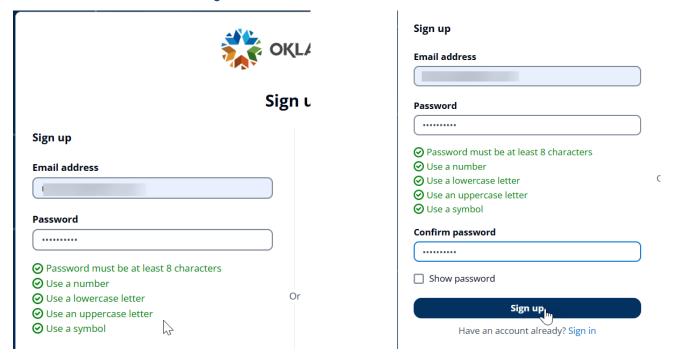


Figure 6 Create Password and Confirm



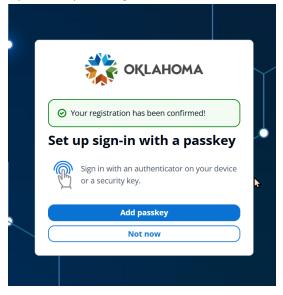
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# Figure 7 Follow Password Rules & Figure 8 Sign Up Selection After Password Entry and Confirmation



#### Figure 9 & 10 Optional Passkey Addition & Selection

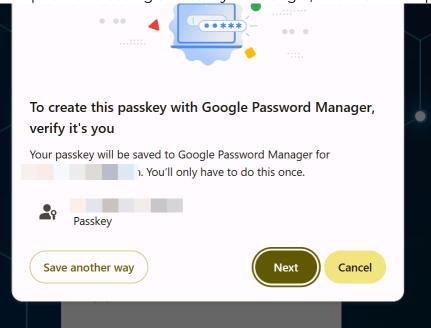
After the Entry and Confirming Password, the User Creation will be confirmed and allow for optional passkey or device authorization code entry.



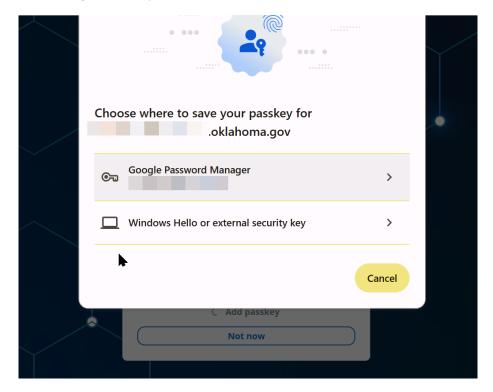


### Figure 7 Passkey Creation via Google Password Manager

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



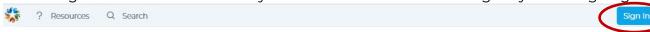
### Figure 8 Passkey Setup



#### IV. Login

# Figure 9 User Login

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

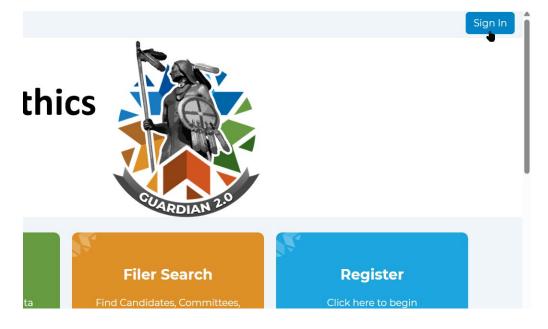


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Figure 10 Login - Select Sign In



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

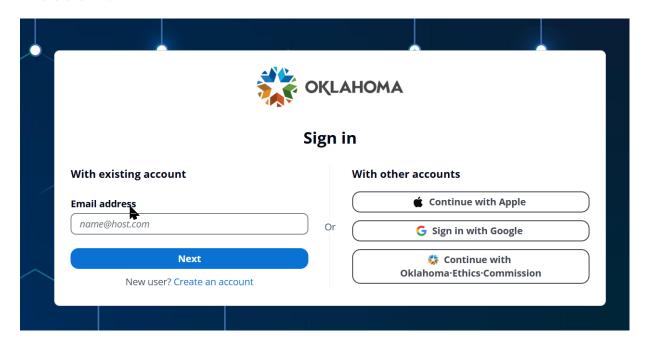
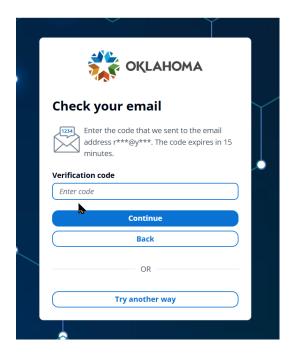


Figure 12 Enter Emailed Verification Code or Figure 18 Choose other Sign-in Method



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



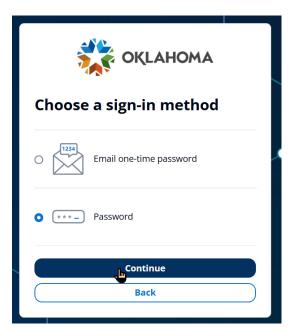


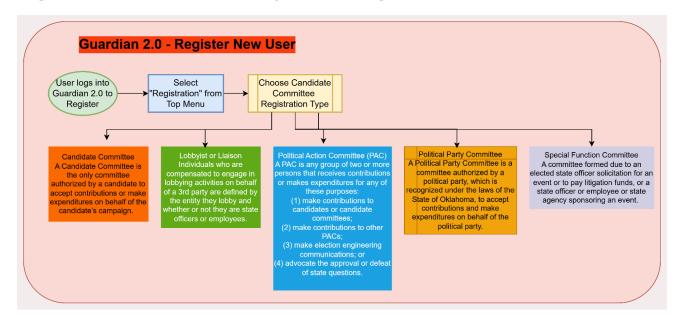
Figure 15 Password Entry - Enter Password & Figure 16 Forgot Password - Enter Email





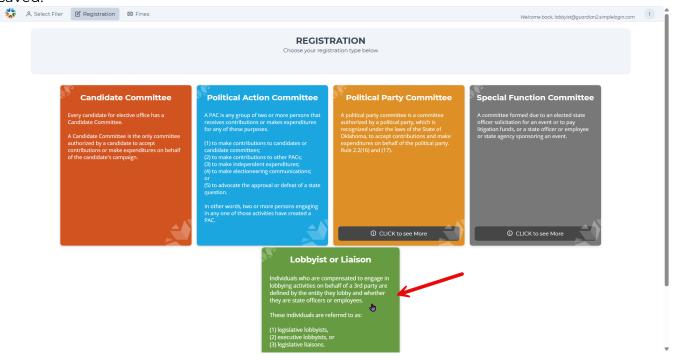
#### V. Registration

#### Figure 17 Guardian 2.0 System Registration Workflow



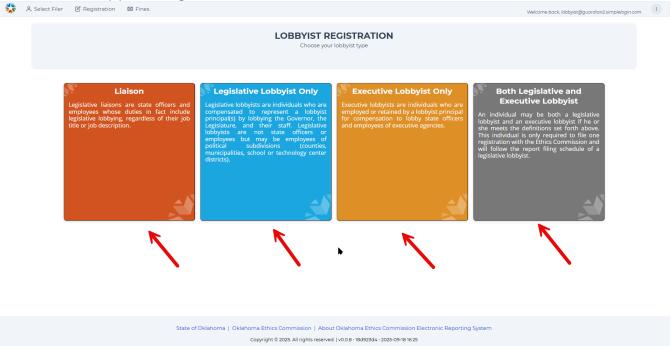
#### Figure 18 Select Registration Type

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#### Figure 19 Select Lobbyist Registration Type

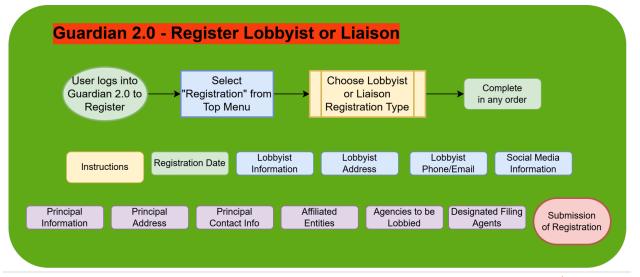
Select the Lobbyist Registration Type that best fits your situation. The available options will be displayed, each with a brief description to assist you in making the appropriate selection. If you are uncertain which type applies, consult the system's help resources or reach out to support for guidance.



#### Lobbyist or Liaison

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 Guide</u> for more information.

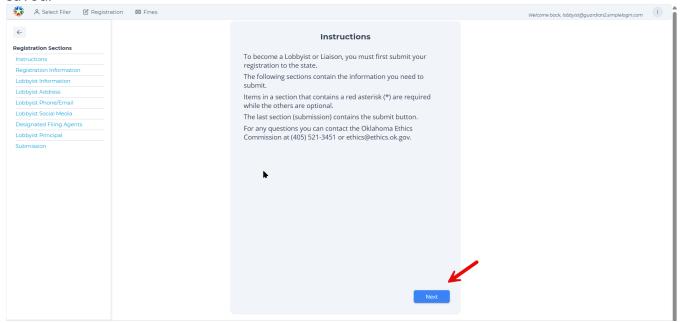
Figure 20 Guardian 2.0 Register Lobbyist or Liaison Workflow



#### Instructions

#### Figure 21 Lobbyist Instructions - Select Next or Jump to each item

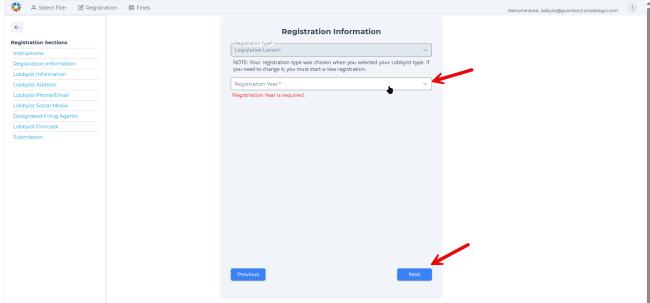
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#### Registration Information

### Figure 22 Registration Information - Type and Year

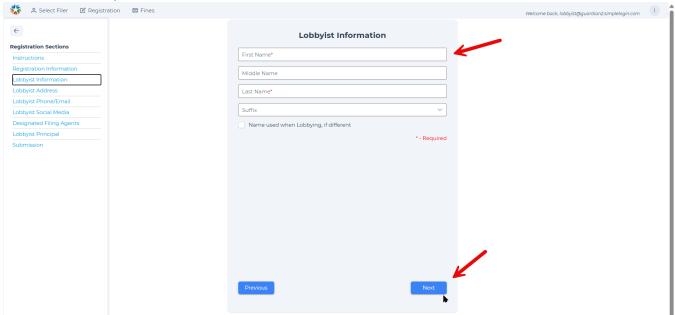
Select Registration Type and the Registration Year and Select "Next/Save." Note: After entry, the "Next" button becomes "Next/Save."



#### Lobbyist Information

#### Figure 23 Lobbyist Information – Name

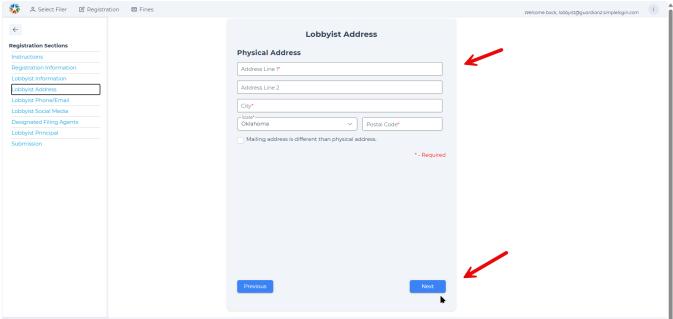
Complete the name information and select "Next/Save." Note: After entry, the "Next" button becomes "Next/Save."



#### **Lobbyist Address**

# Figure 24 Lobbyist Address

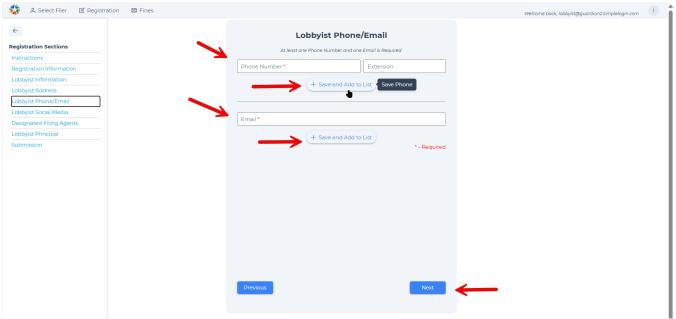
Complete the Lobbyist Address and select "Next/Save." Note: After entry, the "Next" button becomes "Next/Save."



#### Lobbyist Phone/Email

# Figure 25 Lobbyist Phone / Email

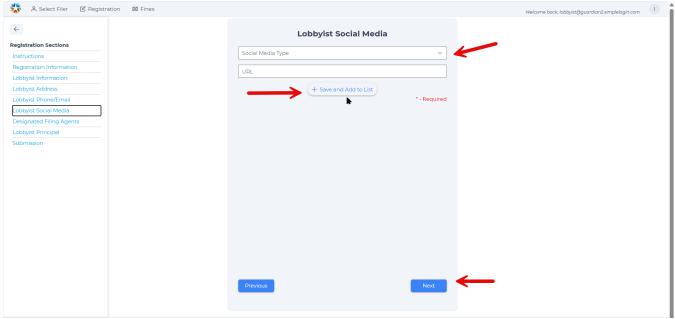
Enter Lobbyist phone and/or email and for each entry, select "Save and Add To List." Select the "Next" button to continue to the next screen.



#### Lobbyist Social Media

# Figure 26 Lobbyist Social Media

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

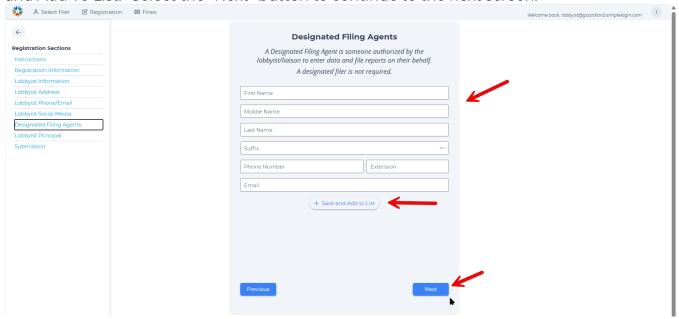


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#### Designated Filing Agents

#### Figure 27 Designated Filing Agents

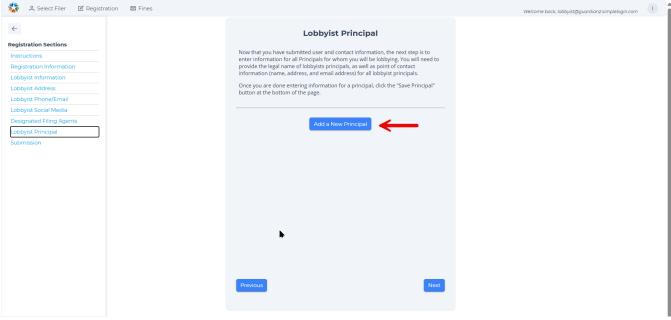
Users are provided the option of adding one or multiple Designated Filing Agents. If user decides to enter one or more Designated Filing Agents, enter their details and select "Save and Add To List." Select the "Next" button to continue to the next screen.



**Lobby Principal Information** 

#### Figure 28 Lobby Principal Information

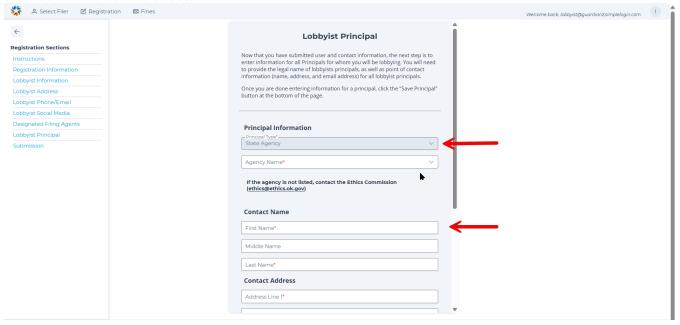
More than one Lobby Principal can be added. Begin entry by selecting the "Add a New Principal" button. +



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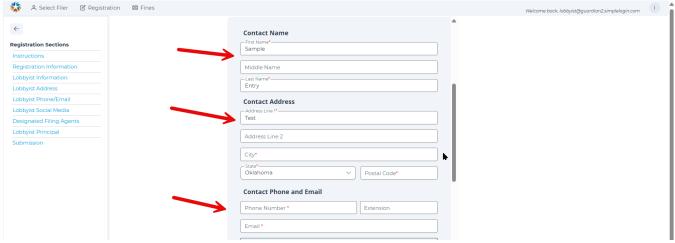
#### Figure 29 Principal Type

The first step in entering the Lobby Principal is to select the Principal Type. Select the type and continue to "Address."



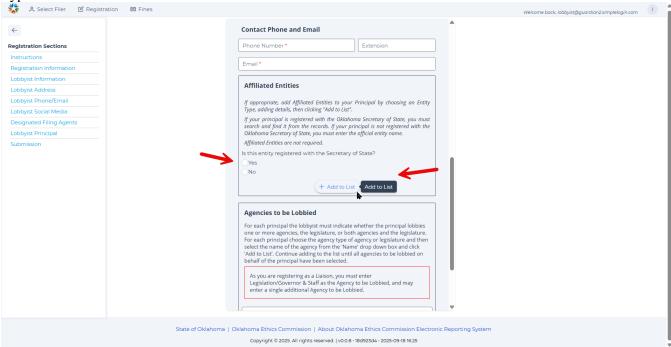
# Figure 30 Lobby Principal Address

When a Principal is added, name and contact information must also be added. Complete the contact information. Then complete address and contact information. After entry, continue to "Principal Entity Information."



#### Figure 31 Principal Entity Type Selection

Users should select if the Principal is registered with the Secretary of State or not, by selecting the correct "Entity Type."



#### Figure 32 Principal Entity Search

Enter the Principal Entity Name to perform a search to identify the Secretary of State record for the entity.



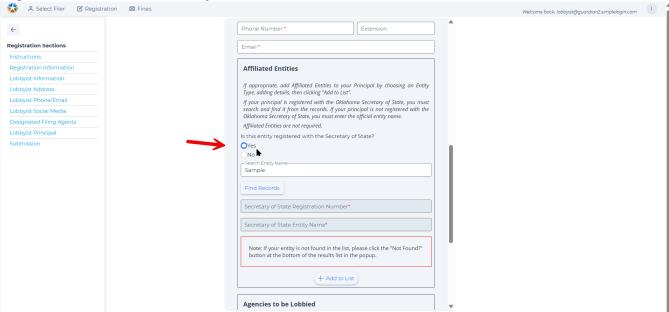
#### Figure 33 Search Results Selection

If a match is found based upon the search, select the matching entity.



#### Figure 34 Affiliated Entities

During Principal entry, the user must determine if the "Affiliated Entities" have been registered with the Secretary of State.



#### Figure 35 Affiliated Entity Not Registered with Secretary of State

When adding an Affiliated Entity, if they are not registered with the Oklahoma Secretary of State, select the radial dial "No" and enter their name. Continue to complete the "Agencies to be Lobbied" section.



#### Figure 36 Affiliated Entity Is Registered with Secretary of State

When adding an Affiliated Entity, if they are registered with the Oklahoma Secretary of State, select the radial dial "Yes" and enter their name. Select "Find Records."



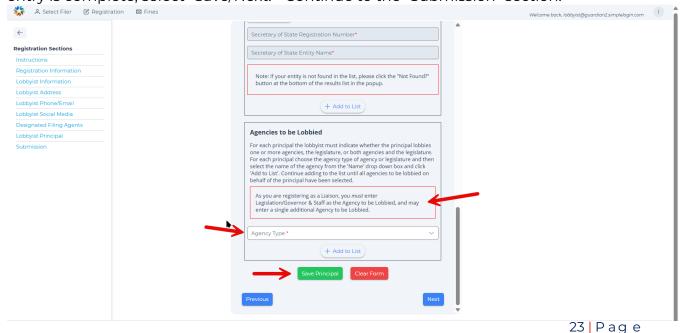
#### Figure 37 Affiliated Entity Record found with Secretary of State

When adding an Affiliated Entity, after selecting "Find Records," if user finds the affiliated entity, they will select the record which now displays in the "Secretary of State Registration Number" and Secretary of State Entity Name" fields. Additional Affiliated Entities can be added by selecting the Plus symbol. If found and entry of Affiliated Entities is complete, continue to the "Agencies to be Lobbied" section. If the record is not found and does not exist as registered with Oklahoma Secretary of State, change the selection to "No" for "Is this entity is registered with Secretary of State."



Figure 38 Agencies to be Lobbied

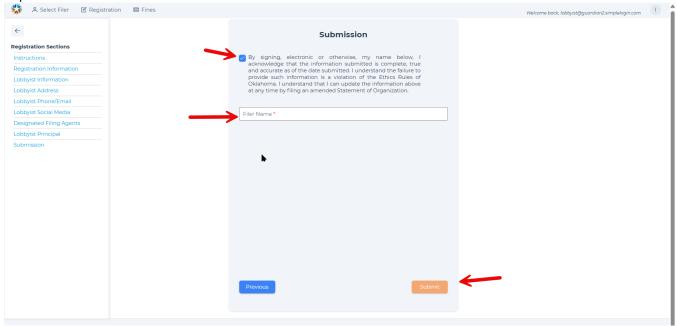
During Principal entry, the user will enter the State Agencies to be Lobbied. Select the "Agency Type" and enter the "Agency Name" to complete this section. If additional agencies are lobbied, select the Plus symbol to add. When this Principal entry is complete, if additional Principals to add, select the "Save and Add Another Principal." When Principal entry is complete, select "Save/Next." Continue to the "Submission" section.



#### Submission

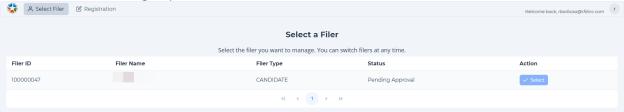
#### Figure 39 Sign and Submit Registration

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 entry for approval. The registration must be approved prior to entering transactions or filing reports.



# Registrations Awaiting Approval Figure 40 Pending Registrations

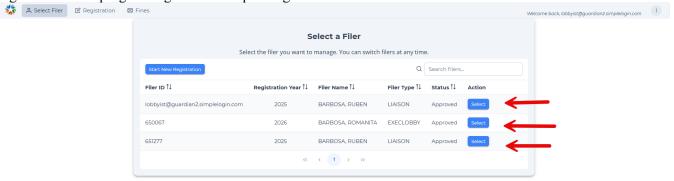
Once the registration has been submitted, a member of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission will review the entry for approval. The registration must be approved prior to entering transactions or filing reports. The status can be viewed via the "Select Filer" screen.



#### VI. Filing Expenditures

#### Figure 41 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.



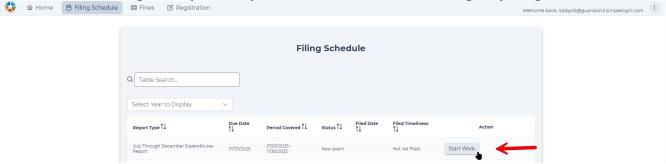
#### Figure 42 Filing Reports Option

Lobbyists can select this option to view, file, or amend expenditure reports for the selected registration.



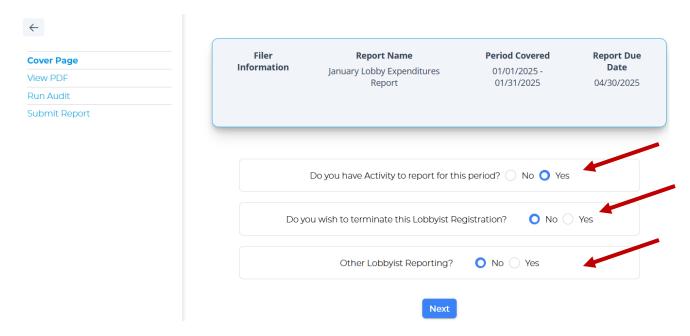
#### Figure 43 Start Work on New Filing Event

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



#### Figure 44 Will you be Filing Activity during that Reporting Period?

Filer will be asked if they have activity to Report for that specific period, if Filer wishes to terminate their Registration,



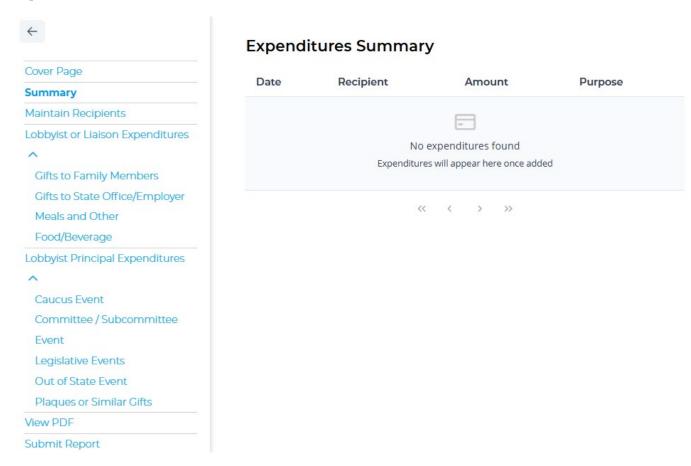
#### Figure 5045 Reporting of Other Lobbyist

If some or all expenditures are reported by another lobbyist, the lobbyist(s) or liaison(s) reporting the expenditures must be identified. For each other lobbyist reporting, enter the lobbyist and principal names below, and click Add to List.



#### Figure 5046 Begin Work Filing Expenditures

Filers will be able to navigate through the left tab for all the expenditure options that may be applicable for the Filer to submit. The Filer should select the type of activity they wish to report from the distinct types of expenditures.



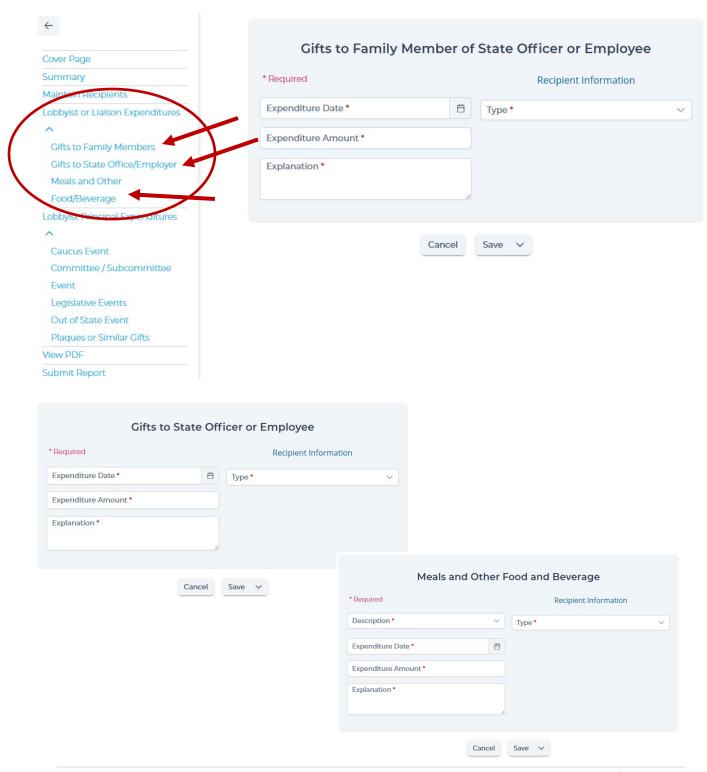
### Figure 5147 Begin Work Filing Expenditures

Food/Beverage

Under Maintain Recipients, Filers will be able see who is a recipient of one of the submitted expenditures. Maintain Recipients Cover Page These recipients are created when you choose to add a new recipient to an Expenditure. You can edit or delete them here. Summary **Maintain Recipients** Name ↑↓ ID 11 Political Office ↑↓ Type ↑↓ Actions Lobbyist or Liaison Expenditures 100000381 Individual Gifts to Family Members Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries << Gifts to State Office/Employer Meals and Other

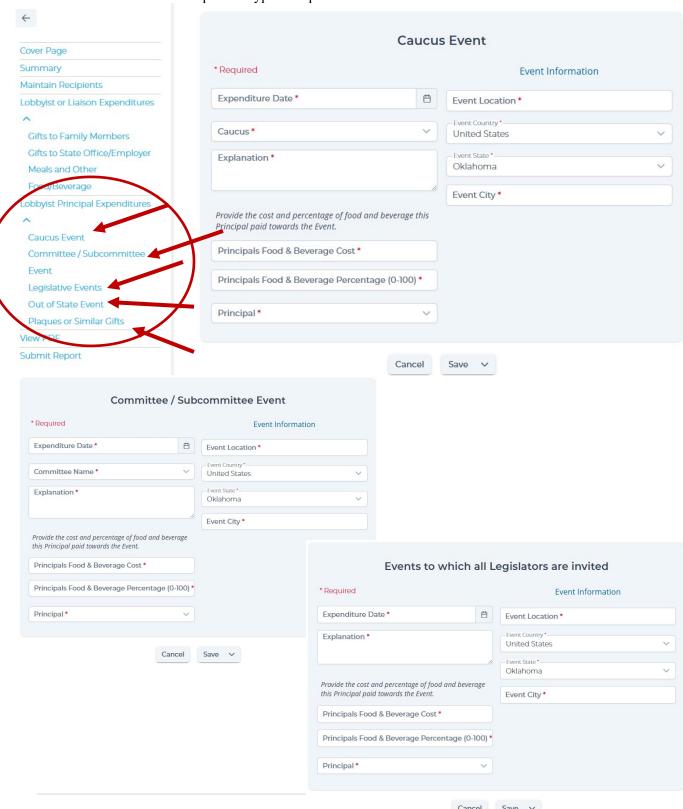
# Figures 52, 53, & 5448 Entering Lobbyist or Liaison Expenditures

The Filer should select the type of activity they wish to report from the list of Expenditures.

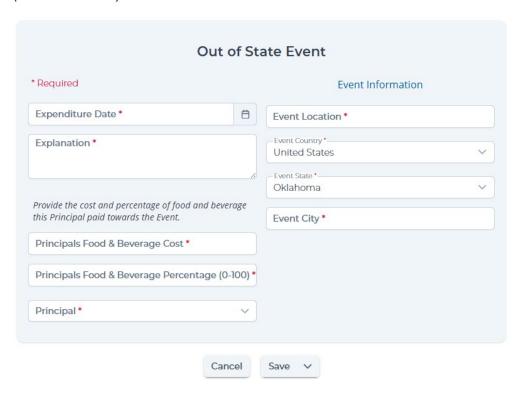


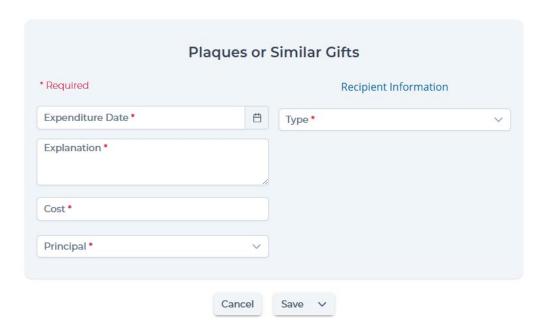
# Figures 49, 56, & 57 Complete the Lobbyist Principal Expenditure Activity

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



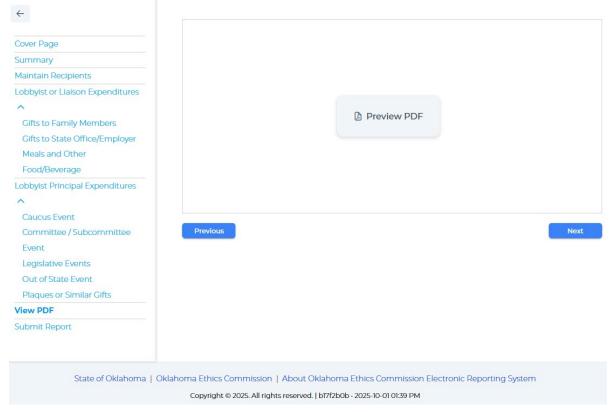
# Figures 58 & 59 Complete the Lobbyist Principal Expenditure Activity (continued)





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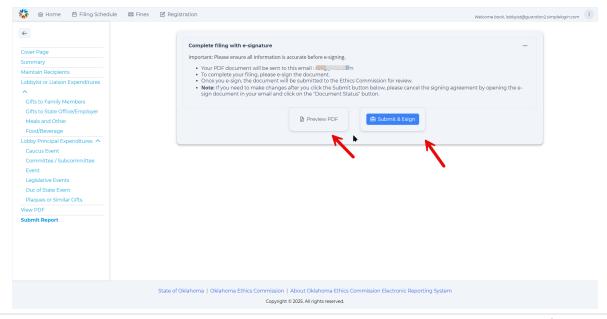
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#### Submitting Expenditure Reports

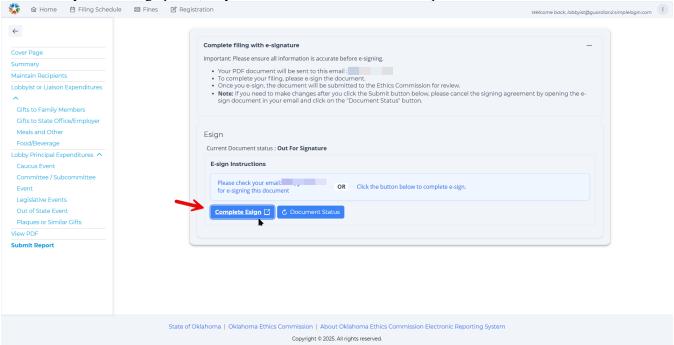
# Figure 50 Submit Report to Preview or Submit and Esign

Users can select "Preview PDF" or "Submit & Esign".

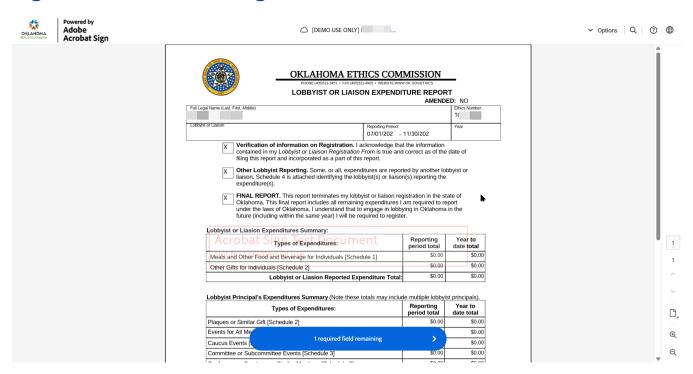


#### Figure 6251 Complete Esign of PDF

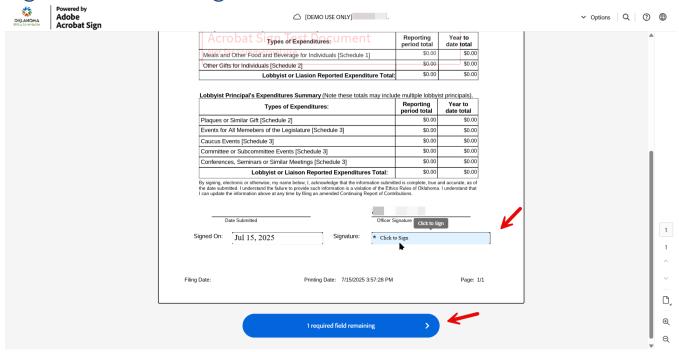
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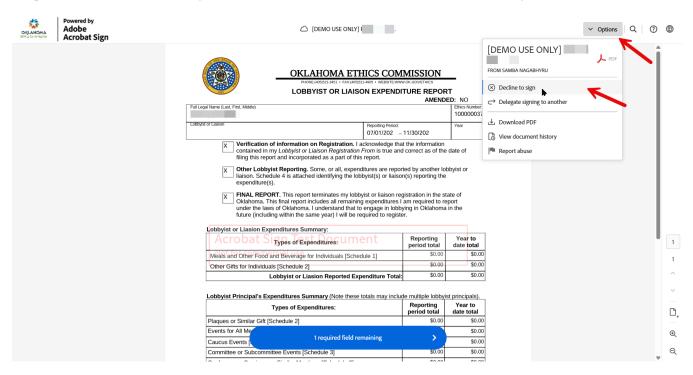
# Figure 63 View and Esign PDF



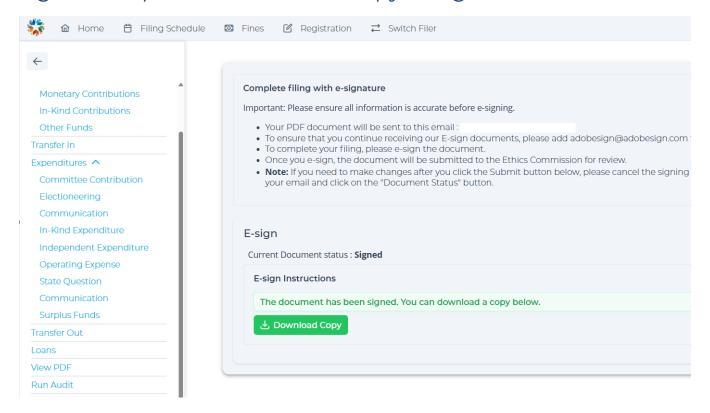
#### Figure 52 Click to Sign PDF



#### Figure 535 PDF Options to Decline and Other Options



### Figure 66 Option to Download copy of Signed PDF



#### Figure 547 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.

