

# *Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance*

---

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 20, 2019

Contact: Jason Tait  
Communications Director  
617-979-8300

## **Arlington state representative resolves campaign finance issues with OCPF**

State Rep. Sean Garballey of Arlington entered into a disposition agreement with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance to resolve campaign finance issues in 2017 and 2018.

In the disposition agreement, signed by Garballey and OCPF Director Michael J. Sullivan, the candidate forgave \$10,000 in liabilities owed to him by his committee. Garballey also will make a personal payment of \$2,000 to the state's general fund in four \$500 installments.

OCPF's review of the Garballey Committee's campaign finance records found several issues:

- The committee did not disclose \$16,985 in contributions that were deposited into the campaign account.
- The committee reported receiving \$6,780 in contributions that were not deposited into the campaign account.
- The committee did not disclose \$14,074 in expenditures that cleared the campaign account.
- The committee reported expenditures of \$1,622 that did not clear the campaign account.
- Garballey personally made a total of \$14,000 in cash contributions to his committee in 2017 as candidate loans. Cash contributions are limited to \$50 per year from any individual, including a candidate.
- The committee reported \$851 in expenditures to Uber for transportation to and from the State House. During this time, however, the candidate was also compensated by the state for these travel costs. After OCPF reviewed this issue with the candidate, he personally reimbursed the committee.

The committee has filed amendments to its campaign finance reports to reflect, as accurately as possible, its activity in 2017 and 2018. The candidate and his committee also agreed to file, with OCPF, additional campaign finance reports through December, 2020.

A disposition agreement is a voluntary written agreement entered into between the subject of a review and OCPF, in which the subject agrees to take certain specific actions.

[Click here](#) for the disposition agreement between Garballey and OCPF.