Lunch and Learn: Getting Started in the new MD CRIS

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Welcome to Lunch and Learn

- A service provided by the MD State Board of Elections (SBE) and the Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance (CCF) to assist candidates, their advocates and the citizens of Maryland on how to operate as a public finance (PF) candidate.
 - Twice monthly program
 - Understand the rules of PF and how they differ from a traditional / regular candidate committee.
 - Understand the mechanics of reporting your transactions into MD Campaign Reporting Information System (CRIS).



MD SBE is Multiple Websites

The Main Page

- Business Contribution
 Disclosure System (BCDS)
- Campaign Reporting Information System (CRIS)
- Election History & Voter
 Registration Information





https://elections.maryland.gov/

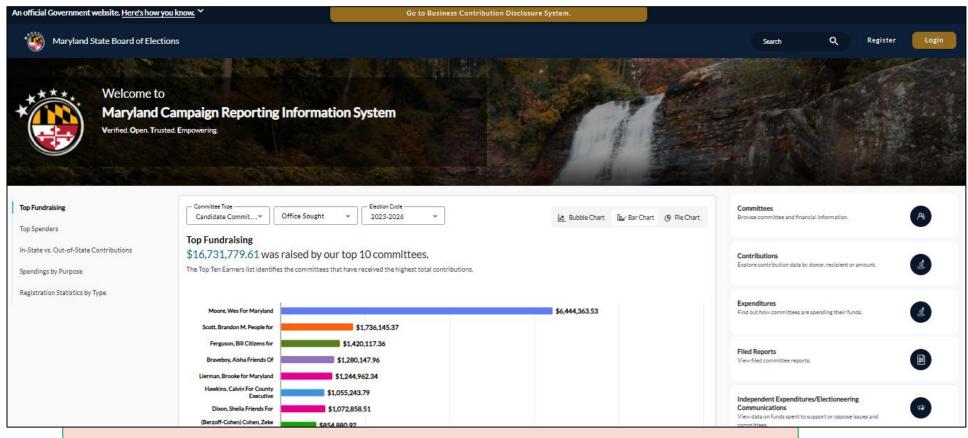
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- In your browser
- Refer back to it often.





The new CRIS



New Campaign Reporting Information System (went live on Fri. Dec. 5)

https://campaignfinance.maryland.gov/login



Latest Public Finance (PF) News

- 47 candidates have filed for PF
- 9 candidates have already qualified
 - Howard (4), Montgomery (4), and Anne Arundel (1)
- 2 candidates have withdrawn from Public Financing.
- Several more are close to filing their initial matching fund report.



Matching Fund Report (MFR) Schedule

- Can file on either MFR date or a statutory date.
- Different deadlines





Notes	Report	Due Date	Transaction Beginning Date	Transaction Ending Date
	Matching Fund (Optional)	01/06/2026	One Day After Your Last Campaign Finance Report Submission	01/05/2026
State Law	2026 Annual Report (Required)	01/21/2026	One Day After Your Last Campaign Finance Report Submission	1/14/2028
	Matching Fund (Optional)	02/03/2026	1/15/2026	02/02/2026
	Matching Fund (Optional)	02/17/2026	One Day After Your Last Campaign Finance Report Submission	02/16/2026
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	Matching Fund (Optional)	03/03/2026	One Day After Your Last Campaign Finance Report Submission	03/02/2026
	Matching Fund (Optional)	03/17/2026	One Day After Your Last Campaign Finance Report Submission	03/16/2026
	Matching Fund (Optional)	04/07/2026	One Day After Your Last Campaign Finance Report Submission	04/08/2026
	Matching Fund (Optional)	04/21/2026	One Day After Your Last Campaign Finance Report Submission	04/20/2026
	Matching Fund (Optional)	05/05/2026	One Day After Your Last Campaign Finance Report Submission	05/04/2026

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What We Will Cover Today

- Three Things to Learn
 - Brief Tour of the new MD SBE website
 - Public Information on the new MD CRIS
 - Transitioning from the old (legacy) CRIS to the new CRIS



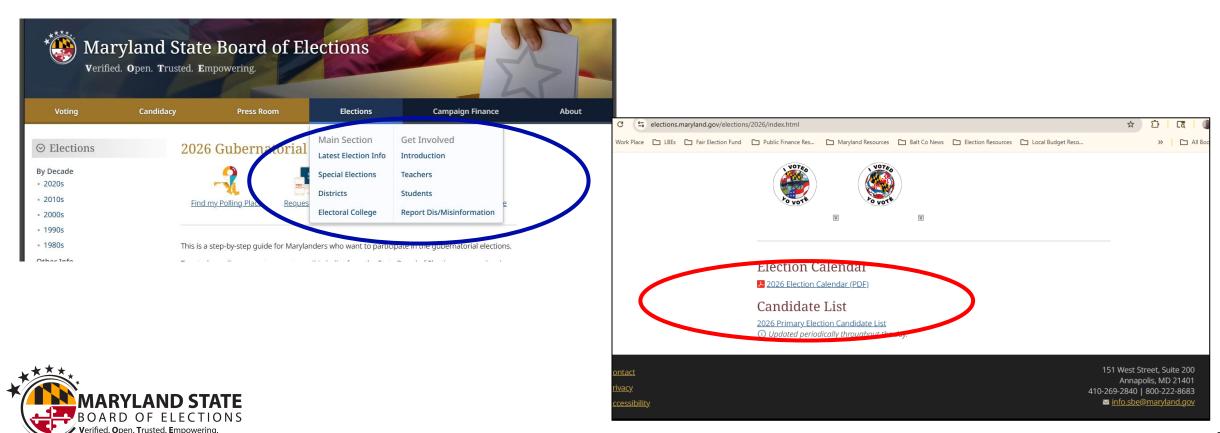
1. Brief Tour of the new MD SBE website

- Went live weekend of November 22-23.
- Bookmarks will still work.
- Biggest change is the location of filed candidates. Link is the same, but it is in a different landing spot on the website.
 - https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2026/index.html



1. Elections Tab

https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2026/index.html



1. Candidacy Tab Has Key Information

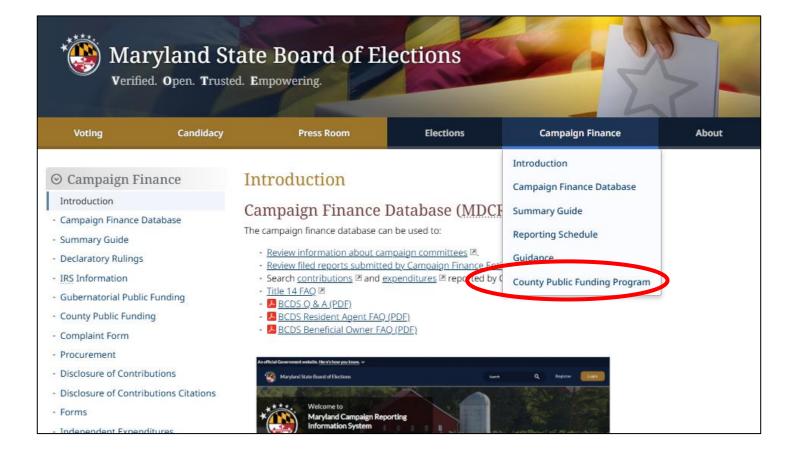
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1. Campaign Finance Tab

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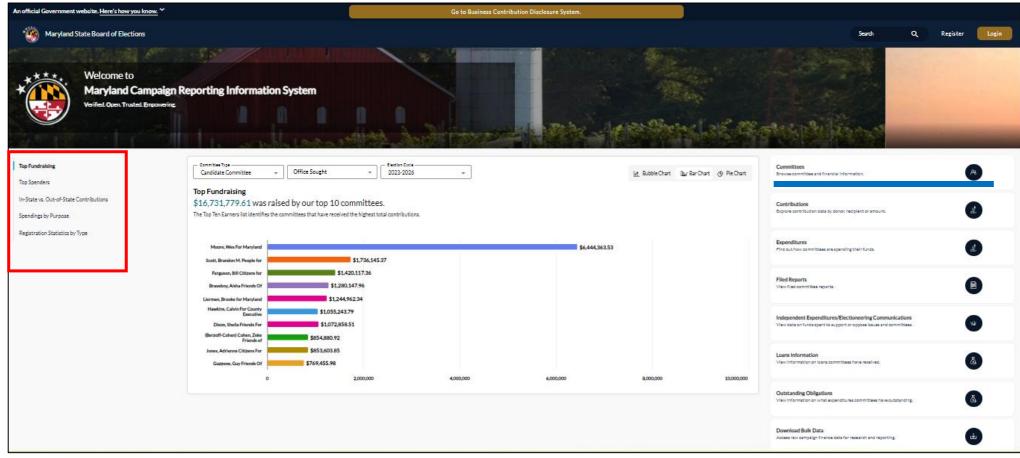
1. County Public Finance Tab

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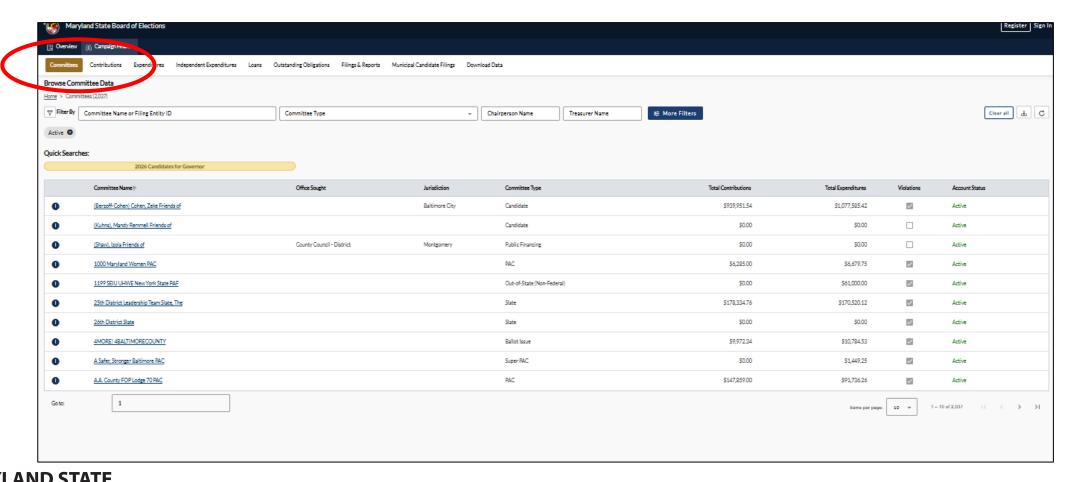


2. Looking at the Committees in MD CRIS

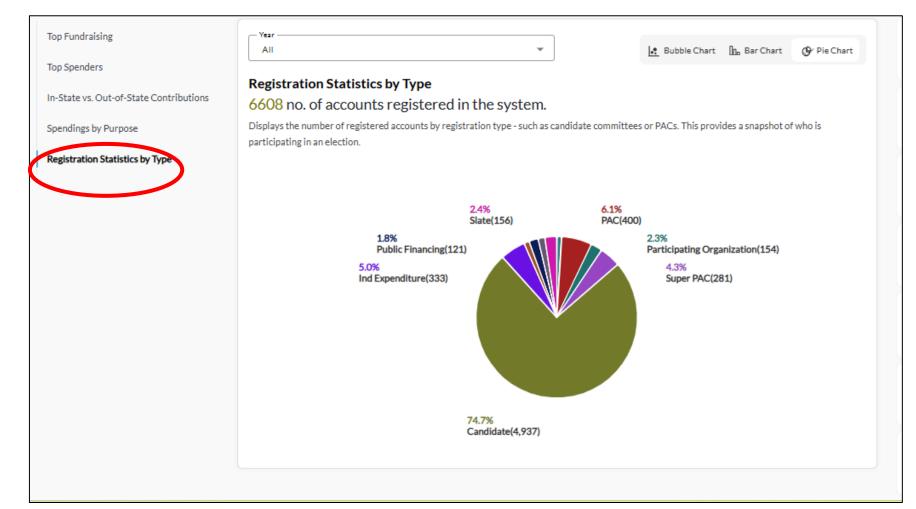




2. Spending and Raising by Committee

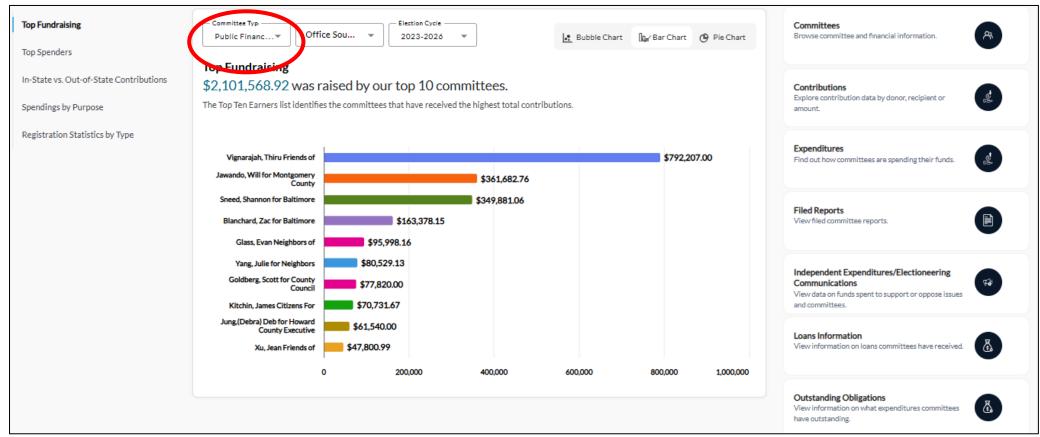


2. Registrations by Type





2. Public View of Public Finance



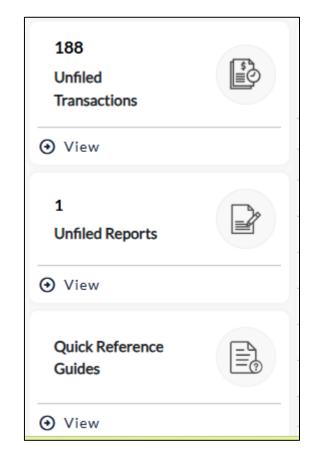


3. Entered Transactions in the old (legacy) CRIS or Waited for new CRIS

- Went live with the new CRIS on Friday December 5th.
- Please review your transactions.
 - Receipts might not have attached. Let me know if that happened.
 - Missing transactions.

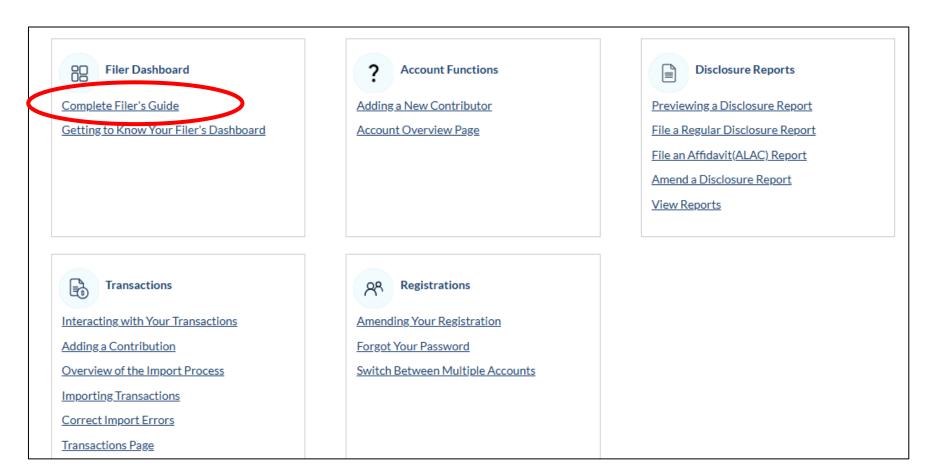


 Can't show as much as we did in the old (legacy) CRIS





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User's Guide



Maryland State Board of Elections

CAMPAIGN REPORTING INFORMATION SYSTEM

Filer's User Guide





AmendingYourRegistration

Amend Your Registration

Step 1: Go to Account Overview

The Account Overview page lets you see all the information provided during registration.

If you need to update or make changes to this information, you will need to amend your registration. Amending your registration will create a new version of the registration information form. There is a history of the change which is viewable to the public.



Click the **Amend Registration** button to start the amendment process.

This will open the registration to be amended.

Step 2: Registration Process in Amend View

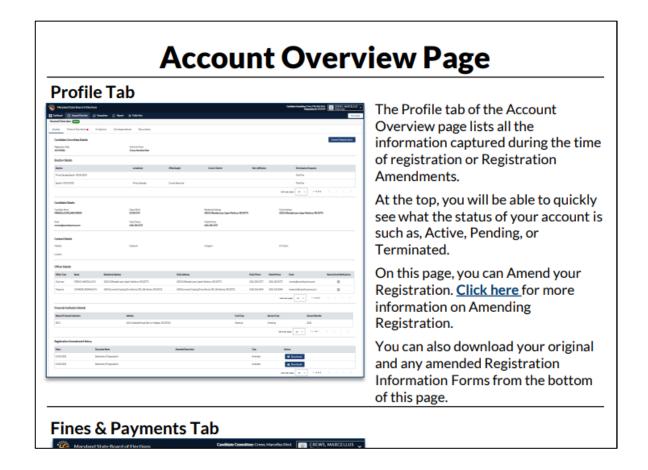


Move through the registration process, making any necessary changes.

Note: Not all fields are available for amending.



AccountOverview Page





Questions



Future Lunch and Learns

- o Mon. Jan. 5th, Noon. How to Amend / Edit Transactions in MD CRIS
- o Mon. Jan. 19th, Noon. Handling Your First Required Report



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