



Summary of Final Board Determination

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David Garland

Candidate, 2013, Council District 5

Program participant: \$91,800 in public funds received

1. Accepting a contribution from an unregistered political committee \$250

Campaigns may not accept a contribution from a political committee unless the political committee is registered with the CFB or registers with the CFB within 10 days of receipt of the contribution. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(11), 3-703(1)(k), 3-707; Board Rules 1-04(c)(1), (d), (g), 1-05.

The Campaign accepted a \$2,750 contribution from the New York Republican State Committee, an unregistered political committee, on October 31, 2013. The Campaign refunded the contribution after the deadline in the notification from CFB staff.

The Board assessed a penalty of \$250 for this violation.

2. Converting campaign funds to personal use \$178

Campaigns are prohibited from converting campaign funds to a personal use. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(21)(b); Board Rules 1-03(a), 2-02.

The Campaign made expenditures totaling \$142.78 that appeared to be for personal use. These included food, beverage, and travel purchases for which no documentation was provided. The Campaign also purchased a tie for a television taping. Expenditures for clothing are considered to be for personal use.

The Board assessed penalties of \$178 for these violations.

3. Making impermissible post-election expenditures \$174

After an election and before repaying leftover campaign funds to the Board, participants may spend campaign funds only to pay campaign-related expenses incurred in the preceding election and for “routine activities involving nominal cost associated with winding up a campaign and responding to the post-election audit.” *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(21)(a)(8), 3-703(1)(d), (g), (6), (11), 3-710(2)(c); Board Rules 1-03(a), 1-08(b), 5-03(e)(2).

The Campaign made impermissible post-election expenditures totaling \$699.10. These included travel expenses as well as payments to Facebook, Uno’s Pizzeria, Adobe Systems, Ignite Payments, and Time Warner. The Campaign stated that all of these expenditures were



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payments associated with pre-existing employee contracts and office expenses, but did not provide documentation to substantiate its response.

The Board assessed penalties of \$174 for these violations.