

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **3.B**

MEETING DATE: **Sept. 25, 2026**

SUBJECT: **OLC Strategic Planning
Vision & Mission Statements**

SUBMITTED BY: **Exec. Committee**

REPORT FOR ACTION

The OLC Executive Committee of the Board met via Zoom on Aug. 28. Prior to the meeting, the OLC Executive Director provided an agenda and Vista Cova's OLC Strategic Planning Retreat summary document.

Members of the Executive Committee include Stacey Russell, Chair; Mary Ellen Icaza, Past Chair; William Rutger, Chair-Elect; and Travis Bautz, Secretary-Treasurer. OLC Executive Director Michelle Francis also participated in the meeting.

The group discussed the three-year vision and goal areas as presented in the OLC Strategic Planning Retreat summary. The group discussed multiple options before settling on the following recommendations for vision and mission statements.

Vision: Thriving public libraries. Stronger Ohio communities.

Mission: Unite Ohio's public libraries through collaboration, education, and advocacy.

Goal Areas:

- * Communicating the Value of Public Libraries
- * Enhancing Member Education
- * Building Collaborative Communities
- * Thriving Organization