

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **3.C**

MEETING DATE: **May 15, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Nominating Committee Report:
2026 OLC Board of Directors
Election Slate**

SUBMITTED BY: **Mary Ellen Icaza, Chair**

REPORT FOR ACTION

The OLC Nominating Committee conducted a virtual meeting on May 1 to discuss potential candidates for the 2026 OLC Board of Directors elections. Members of the committee include Mary Ellen Icaza, Chair; Susan Titkemeier; Tara Sidwell; Ryan McDonnell; and Chris May. OLC staff members Michelle Francis and Jeanine D'Andrea also participated in the meeting.

The committee recommends the following slate of candidates for election to three-year terms beginning in January 2027.

MLIS Director [one to be elected]

Travis Bautz, Executive Director, MidPointe Library System
Ben Heckman, Director, Bexley Public Library

Library Trustee Director [one to be elected]

Sandra Hedlund Tunnel, Trustee, Ashland Public Library
Robert Jenkins, Trustee, Bossard Memorial Library of Gallia County

At-Large Director [one to be elected]

Stacey Russell, Executive Director, Muskingum County Library System
Travis McAfee, Assistant Director, Way Public Library

At-Large Director [one to be elected]

Bryan Howard, Director, Delaware County District Library
Amy Young, Director, Reed Memorial Library