

Election of Board Officers

BACKGROUND

The chair and vice chair serve as the officers of the OSU Board of Trustees. Board officers serve two-year terms beginning on July 1 of even-numbered years. The [Board Officers Policy](#) sets out the process for electing the officers of the board.

As terms of the current board officers are scheduled to end on June 30, 2026, an election will be held at the January 15 – 16 committee and board meetings.

BOARD SECRETARY FINDINGS

Using the [Board Officers Policy](#) as guidance, the board secretary solicited nominations from trustees for the board chair and vice chair positions. All voting members of the board responded to the request. Board Vice Chair Maria Chávez-Haroldson and Trustee Karla Chambers each received several nominations for the board chair position. In addition, Trustees Bulger and Manning each received a nomination. Bulger and Manning were honored by the nomination, but withdrew their names from consideration.

Nominees for the vice chair position included trustees McClure, Manning, Macpherson, Kitamura, Luther and Bulger. Trustee McClure confirmed her willingness to serve as vice chair. Other nominees expressed appreciation for the nominations.

The term of the elected officers is July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028, in alignment with the [Board Officers Policy](#).

NEXT STEPS

The committee will consider a slate of nominees for the positions of chair and vice chair to put forward for the board's consideration.