

Request for New CoC Board Members

Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care

Background

The Ohio BoSCoC Governance Charter outlines the membership structure of the BoSCoC Board well as the process for adding new members to those groups on a regular basis. Per the Governance Charter, each year half of the BoSCoC Board membership must be selected. The Governance Charter can be found at <https://cohhio.org/boscoc/gov-pol/#documents>

This document outlines the process and timeline for application and selection of Ohio BoSCoC Board members for terms beginning January 2026.

Purpose of Ohio BoSCoC Board

The Ohio BoSCoC Board is the primary planning and decision-making body for the Ohio BoSCoC. Board members determine the policy direction of the CoC and ensure that the CoC fulfills its responsibilities as assigned by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and/or the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD). The Board also oversees and approves the work of BoSCoC committees and workgroups.

Ohio BoSCoC Board Membership

Ohio BoSCoC Board Homeless Planning Regions Representatives

Ohio BoSCoC Board membership includes one representative from each of the Ohio BoSCoC 17 Homeless Planning Regions. Each Homeless Planning Region manages their own process for selecting their representative to the Ohio BoSCoC Board. Homeless Planning Region Executive Committees must then communicate that Board representative selection to CoC staff (COHHIO).

For the 2026-2027 term, the Ohio BoSCoC is seeking membership from the following Homeless Planning Regions:

- Homeless Planning Region 3
- Homeless Planning Region 4
- Homeless Planning Region 8
- Homeless Planning Region 9
- Homeless Planning Region 10
- Homeless Planning Region 11
- Homeless Planning Region 13
- Homeless Planning Region 16
- Homeless Planning Region 17

Homeless Planning Region Executive Committees for the regions identified above must communicate their Board representative selection to the CoC Director (ericamulryan@cohhio.org) by December 31, 2025.

Current BoSCoC Board members representing a region may seek to be re-elected to their seat. It is up to their Homeless Planning Region to determine if they wish to allow their current representative to serve another term.

Ohio BoSCoC Board At-Large Members

Ohio BoSCoC Board membership includes at-large members that represent relevant organizations and populations within the CoC. Interested persons must submit an application for CoC Board membership via this form - <https://forms.office.com/r/XccDZsqirV>

Current Ohio BoSCoC Board at-large members with a term expiring 12/31/25 must reapply for Board membership if they wish to continue to serve.

The Ohio BoSCoC is particularly interested in at-large membership representing the following organization types and populations:

- People who work in organizations that primarily serve Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color (BIPOC), persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ populations
- BIPOC, LGBTQ, and persons with disabilities

Membership applications are due by October 31, 2025.

Ohio BoSCoC Board Member Responsibilities

Member Criteria

Persons applying for Ohio BoSCoC Board membership must be located within the state of Ohio; membership preference will be given to people residing/working in a county within the BoSCoC. Potential members are not required to work for a homeless services provider, or in the homeless services field.

Member Responsibilities

All Ohio BoSCoC Board members are expected to serve two-year terms. Additionally, members are expected to attend and participate in the majority of relevant meetings, to be prepared for meetings, and to complete any assigned tasks in a timely fashion. Board members may be removed from their seat for repeated absence, misconduct, or violation of the CoC's conflict of interest policy.

Conflicts of Interest

Before any item is put to a vote at a meeting all members must disclose any real or perceived conflicts of interest related to the business item at hand and must recuse themselves from discussion of that item. These members will refrain from voting on items where a conflict exists.

Meeting Frequency and Location

The Ohio BoSCoC Board meets every other month via zoom. Occasional, special CoC Board meetings may be scheduled in addition to regular meetings as needed.

Ohio BoSCoC Board Member Selection

New Member Recommendations

The Ohio BoSCoC Steering Committee will review submitted applications and will develop a slate of candidates for consideration by the BoSCoC Board. Upon approval by the Ohio BoSCoC Board, applicants will be notified of new Board member decisions.

New BoSCoC Board and Committee/Workgroup members will begin their terms of office in January 2026.

Timeline for Ohio BoSCoC Board Member Selection

DATE TO COMPLETE	ACTIVITY
10/9/25	Ohio BoSCoC Board Member Application released
10/31/25	Submit Ohio BoSCoC Board Member Applications • <i>Exception – BoSCoC Board representatives elected by their Homeless Planning Region do not need to complete a Member Application</i>
11/5/25	Ohio BoSCoC Steering Committee reviews member applications and develops slate of candidates for BoSCoC Board review and approval
11/17/25	Ohio BoSCoC Board votes on slate of recommended CoC Board candidates
12/15/25	Applicants for Ohio BoSCoC Board membership notified of membership decisions
12/31/25	Homeless Planning Region Executive Committees communicate their Board representative selection to the CoC Director (ericamulryan@cohhio.org)
1/1/26	All new and re-elected BoSCoC Board members begin their two-year terms