



OHIO CITY INCORPORATED BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPLICATION

Alex Frondorf, Board President
Virginia Benjamin, Governance Committee Chair
Jane Platten, Executive Director

August 12th, 2026

OCI is currently seeking candidates to fill four Board of Trustee seats which are up for election on Tuesday October 27th, 2026. Qualified candidates must submit their applications electronically or via mail on or before September 13th, 2026. Applications can be submitted to Jane Platten@jplattenohtcity.org or Virginia Benjamin, gigibenjamin@gmail.com .

OHIO CITY INCORPORATED MISSION:

OCI strives to enhance the quality of life for those who live, work, and play in our historic, urban and diverse neighborhood by advocating, collaborating, and convening forums for community promotion and problem solving, by creating space for gatherings, and by improving the community's beauty and safety

ELIGIBILITY:

The Ohio City Incorporated Board of Trustees consists of 12 resident-elected seats and 5 to 10 appointed seats for community stakeholders. Resident-elected trustees must be residents of the Ohio City neighborhood and a member of Ohio City Incorporated on or before submitting your application.

If you are not a member, visit ohiocity.org/membership to submit a membership application. To confirm membership, contact Brandon Collier at bcollier@ohiocity.org or 330-604-4706.

In order to be considered a candidate, a signed copy of the *Ohio City Incorporated Board Expectations* document must be submitted with this application. ***Applications are due no later than September 13th, 2026.***

Please contact our office by phone or in person or visit ohiocity.org/board to review the statement of expectations and commitments.

I understand that as a member of the Board of Trustees for Ohio City Incorporated, I will be held accountable to the expectations of this position on an annual basis.

☒ I agree to the expectations and will comply with the requirements.

☐ I cannot meet these expectations.

Julianne Roseman

09/13/2026

Signature

Print

Date

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Please ensure the following items below are included with your application. Personal information including address, email, and phone number will not be shared. The rest of your application will be posted on the Ohio City Incorporated website and at relevant candidate events.

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| ☒ Part 1: Candidate Information | ☒ Application Signed & Dated |
| ☒ Part 2: Experience & Professional Expertise | ☒ Signed Ohio City Incorporated Board Expectations Document* |
| ☒ Part 3: Personal Statement | |

*Available online at ohiocity.org/board

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PART 1 : CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Please fill out the contact information below. Personal information including address, email, and phone number will not be shared.

Name:	Julianne Roseman						
Address:		City:	Cleveland	State:	OH	Zip:	44113
Phone:		Email:					
Ohio City Incorporated Membership:	☒ I am currently a Resident Member in-good-standing ☐ My Resident Membership form is attached to this application.						

PART 2 : EXPERIENCE & PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

Please check the areas in which you have experience and/or professional expertise. Responses to Part 2 will be made available to Ohio City Incorporated membership prior to the election.

☐ Accounting	☐ Developer/Builder	☒ Human Resources
☐ Bilingual	☐ Education	☒ Legal
☒ Community Activist	☒ Finance/Lending	☒ Marketing
☒ Community Connections	☐ Fundraising	☒ Outreach
☐ Construction Contractor	☒ Grant Writing	☐ Real Estate
☐ Design/Architecture	☐ Historic Preservation	☒ Strategic Planning

PART 3 : PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please answer the following questions & attach with your application. Limit 1 page, single-spaced. Responses to Part 3 will be made available to Ohio City Incorporated membership prior to the election.

- 1) Why do you wish to serve on the Ohio City Incorporated Board of Trustees?
- 2) In what ways do you feel your strengths, knowledge, skills, and experience will help Ohio City Incorporated further it's mission?
- 3) Describe your involvement in Ohio City and/or non-Ohio City neighborhood organizations. Include Ohio City Incorporated sponsored committees, projects, or block clubs if applicable.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

This application was completed to the best of my knowledge and in good faith:


Signature

Julianne Roseman

Print

09/13/2026

Date

FORMS CAN BE SUBMITTED VIA MAIL OR E-MAIL TO:

Ohio City Incorporated
ATTN. OCI Governance Committee
3308 Lorain Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44113

Virginia Benjamin, Governance Committee : gigibenjamin@gmail.com
Jane Platten, Executive Director : jplatten@ohiocity.org



Julianne Roseman

1) Why do you wish to serve on the Ohio City Incorporated Board of Trustees?

I'm looking to serve my community in a new way and I'm eager to represent my neighbors and fellow business owners on this Board. I have lived in Ohio City for six years and in that time, I've learned what neighbors want from this community and how Ohio City Inc supports the neighborhood. I hope I can guide the organization in positive ways while bringing a new voice and perspective to the Board.

2) In what ways do you feel your strengths, knowledge, skills, and experience will help [Ohio City Incorporated](#) further its mission?

I'm a generalist and an entrepreneur who is self-motivated, organized, analytical, and direct. My work and volunteer experiences span finance, marketing, communications, grant writing, business development, strategy, human resources, and community organizing. Some of these are specific skills that may fill a gap on the Board while others inform my decision making. I have worked at both for-profit and non-profit companies including smaller organizations and startups where employees are expected to wear multiple hats and roles evolve due to the needs of the organization. I believe my background matches the needs and realities of OCI. I previously served on boards and understand the obligation and expectations. Further, I'm not currently holding other leadership positions that would draw my time and attention. Through various positions past and present, I have advocated, collaborated, problem solved, and beautified my neighborhood and broader community.

3) Describe your involvement in Ohio City and/or non-Ohio City neighborhood organizations. Include Ohio City Incorporated sponsored committees, projects, or block clubs if applicable

I'm a very active resident and business owner in this community. I participate in my block club and garden at Kentucky Gardens. On the volunteer front, I'm currently a Tree Ambassador with the Cleveland Tree Coalition and advocate for safer streets with the neighborhood chapter of the Better Streets committee. In recent years, I've also volunteered regularly at May Dugan and been a part of a neighborhood book club. At my store, Blue Jay Retail at 3228 Lorain Ave, I host events and collaborate with other businesses and community groups to bring resources to our neighbors as well as introduce new people to our vibrant neighborhood. I'm a member of the Ohio City Merchants Group. Personally, I primarily shop (for food and fun) and get services (ex. haircuts, healthcare, etc) right here in the neighborhood. I love Ohio City and its amenities; you rarely need to leave!