VOTE

2022 OBERLIN ALUMNI TRUSTEE BALLOT
DEAR ALUMNI,
One of our many privileges as Oberlin graduates is our annual election of a trustee, a tradition that goes back a century and a half. The time has come to elect two trustees who will serve from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026. (Each alumni-elected trustee serves a four-year term, with the terms staggered so that at least one election occurs each year.)

Oberlin would not prosper without the work of dedicated, hard-working volunteers who support the college and conservatory in many different ways. Trustees are among these volunteers. As one of my predecessors, Robert Lemle ’75, has written, “It is important that the college be guided by board members who understand the educational, social, financial, and administrative issues facing American higher education and who are willing to work hard to address them.”

This brochure provides information about the election process and this year’s candidates. Please take a few minutes to absorb the information and cast your vote.

For more information on the candidates, please see the Alumni Trustee Election link at www.oberlin.edu/alumni-relations. For more information on the Board of Trustees, including a full list of members, see go.oberlin.edu/trustees.

Thank you for all you do for Oberlin.

Chris Canavan ’84
Chair
Oberlin College Board of Trustees

2022 ELECTION PROCEDURES
The two candidates receiving the most votes will be declared elected for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2022. The candidates have been selected in accordance with Article I, Section 4 of the Bylaws of Oberlin College. The Trustee Search Committee of the Alumni Association certifies that each candidate has agreed to serve if elected. Biographical information and statements from each candidate appear on the following pages. The election results will be announced in the Oberlin Alumni Magazine and on the Alumni Association’s website at www.oberlin.edu/alumni-relations. The candidates, listed alphabetically, are:

FRANCISCO X. DOMINGUEZ ’89
MAGHAN KEITA ’72
MATTHEW LODEN ’90

VOTING PROCEDURE
The self-mailing ballot is located on the last full flap of this brochure. To vote, detach the flap from the rest of the brochure. Complete the information on the page, being sure to write your name or ID number legibly. (Your ID number appears above your name on the mailing label.) Failure to do so will invalidate your vote. Vote for the candidate(s) of your choice by placing an “X” in the box next to the candidate’s name. Vote for no more than two candidates. No postage is necessary.

For more candidate and election information, visit www.oberlin.edu/alumni-relations. Any person upon whom the college has conferred a degree is eligible to participate in this election.

To be counted, your ballot must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT, Monday, May 2, 2022. The Board of Canvassers (the secretary of the college and the director of libraries) certifies the results of the election.

Matthew D. Lahey
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Oberlin College
Elected judge of the 205th District Court, handling civil and felony criminal cases in El Paso, Hudspeth, and Culberson counties in Far West Texas

Began legal career with New York Legal Aid Society-Criminal Defense Division (Manhattan office), represented farmworkers and garment workers as a staff attorney with Texas Rural Legal Aid, prosecuted employment discrimination cases on behalf of the government as a trial attorney with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Established own law practice in 2002, handling employment and civil rights cases until 2015 when taking the bench

**What elements of your personal and professional life would be helpful to you in your service as a trustee?**

My responsibilities as a father of two college students and my duties as a judge define me at this stage in life. As a father, I try to set an example for my children to be engaged with their community and the world, to embrace our family’s strong work ethic, and to be passionate about everything they do. Those are values that I brought to Oberlin, and which Oberlin further cultivated in me. As a judge, I draw on Oberlin’s commitment to intellectual honesty, access and equity, and academic integrity. As a trustee, these are the values that I embrace as our board works to ensure that Oberlin remains relevant and competitive in an educational world that is changing the way we recruit, educate, house, and retain students.

**What do you spend your time working on and thinking about?**

For over 20 years, I advocated on behalf of individuals who faced injustice in their workplace or in their interaction with governmental entities. Currently, my work requires me to be vigilant and ensure that the lawyers and parties that appear before me are treated with respect and dignity, so that at the end of the process, they walk away knowing that they were heard and treated fairly, regardless of the outcome. Without the effort and work needed to achieve this, the promise of justice is nothing more than an empty concept. Likewise, Oberlin’s promise of educational excellence and commitment to empowering students to be leaders and innovators has meaning because our board works tirelessly and thoughtfully to secure Oberlin’s future. I want to continue that work.

**What else do you want your fellow alumni to know about you?**

I was not as well prepared academically as many of my peers when I arrived at Oberlin. Nevertheless, the Oberlin community kept its promise of opportunity, stayed true to its commitment to diversity, and provided me with the mentors and guidance that allowed me to do the work to catch up. More importantly, my Oberlin family recognized that I had something significant to contribute as a Border kid and allowed my voice to develop. I want to add to our effort to address the financial and ethical challenges that liberal arts education faces in the U.S.
MAGHAN KEITA ’72

• 34 years at Villanova University as faculty member and administrator
• 50 years with the College Board, including chair of its board of trustees
• 50-plus years in curriculum design, development, and implementation, nationally and internationally

What elements of your personal and professional life would be helpful to you in your service as a trustee?
Possibly, my most valuable contribution to the board is my desire to find insight in competing views through analysis and critical and creative thinking.

What do you spend your time working on and thinking about?
My work and the greater part of my waking moments focus on the issues of education and the power of knowledge. My commitment is to the access of the highest quality of education for every student centered on the processes of critical and creative thinking.

What else do you want your fellow alumni to know about you?
I’d like alumni to know that I am “process oriented.” In that, I mean that I regard life and all we do in it as a journey rather than a destination. For me, this means long-term commitment to finding solutions to our most pressing issues. It also implies that more people should be involved in the journey, and that their voices must be heard and honored.
• Performed and taught around the world as a professional violinist with chamber ensembles, symphony orchestras, and on Broadway
• Executive leadership experience with major performing arts organizations
• Committed to education and community service

What elements of your personal and professional life would be helpful to you in your service as a trustee?
I have real-world experience in creating clear and achievable strategies for arts and education organizations, often born out of crisis. I’ve learned to inspire in trying times, and I also know when not to lead. As a performer and executive, I’ve practiced how to listen closely to what’s actually being said and to be a strong voice for action in ambiguity. I am also the father of a 20-year-old college sophomore and am well-versed in the challenges and opportunities for young adults in the higher education space.

What do you spend your time working on and thinking about?
Most of my career has been spent trying to balance artistic ideals and opportunities with the challenges of creating one’s own musical profession. Succeeding in the creative industries as a performer requires an entrepreneurial approach. It also requires the ability to generate critical revenue in a crowded entertainment market. My regular interior monologues are: How can I connect my music with more people? How can I encourage people to buy tickets and remain “sticky patrons”? How does one present programs that are compelling and relevant without alienating a patron base? How can one find resources to create new works and support growth? How can western “high” musical culture shed the elitism that stifles growth and creativity? And how can arts organizations use their public platforms to be of service to a community?

What else do you want your fellow alumni to know about you?
I’m eager to use my nonprofit board and management experience to see how I might be able to help Oberlin thrive—particularly at the conservatory. Being able to contribute to Oberlin’s plans for supporting the next generation of musical talent would be an immense honor and responsibility.
GENERAL VOTING INSTRUCTIONS
To vote, carefully detach this panel from the rest of the brochure. Fill out the voter information section, complete the ballot, and mail the entire card.

Deadline: Monday, May 2, 2022

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Please select TWO (2) of the three (3) candidates OR the last statement:

☐ FRANCISCO X. DOMINGUEZ ’89
☐ MAGHAN KEITA ’72
☐ MATTHEW LODEN ’90
☐ I BELIEVE OBERLIN WOULD BE WELL SERVED BY ANY OF THESE CANDIDATES

PLEASE VALIDATE YOUR VOTE:

Name ___________________________________________ Class ________

ID # ___________________________________________

(Your ID # appears above your name on this brochure’s mailing label.)

Be sure to print or write legibly, or your ballot will be deemed invalid.

Mailing Address (if different from that on the label on the outside back cover)
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Telephone ___________________ Email ________________________________

If you have feedback or comments about the candidates, please contact us at alumni@oberlin.edu with the subject line “Trustee Search” or call (440) 775-8692.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
The Trustee Search Committee of the Alumni Association welcomes suggestions for future nominees for Alumni-Elected Trustee. Candidates must hold an Oberlin degree and comply with the requirements set by the Bylaws of Oberlin College. To suggest a candidate, please send a letter of nomination, including a description of the assets the candidate would bring to the board, to Terry Kurtz, Assistant Vice President for Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving, 65 East College Street, Suite 4, Oberlin, Ohio 44074. There is no limit to the number of candidates you may suggest. In addition, the Nominations and Governance Committee of the Board of Trustees is interested in suggestions for non-alumni trustee members. Please forward names in the same manner.