

Merom Brachman, *Chairman*
Megan C. Kelley, *Vice Chair*
Bruce E. Bailey
Julie A. Rutter
Elizabeth E. Tracy
Mark A. Vander Laan



OHIO ETHICS COMMISSION
William Green Building
30 West Spring Street, L3
Columbus, Ohio 43215-2256
Telephone: (614) 466-7090
Fax: (614) 466-8368

www.ethics.ohio.gov

Paul M. Nick
Executive Director

January 14, 2020

For more information, contact:

Susan Willeke
Education and Communications Administrator
(614) 466-7090

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ETHICS COMMISSION REMINDS FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FILERS OF FILING DEADLINES

The Ohio Ethics Commission has released the 2019 Financial Disclosure Statement form and reminds filers of deadlines to file for the calendar year 2019.

Ohio law requires many public officials and employees to file personal financial disclosure statements each year. Required filers include:

- elected officials and candidates at the state, county, and city levels;
- public college and university trustees;
- school board members and candidates for school board in school districts with more than 12,000 students;
- superintendents, treasurers, and business managers for all school districts; and
- upper-level state officials and employees.

Filers are required to annually submit a form covering the previous calendar year.

The general filing deadline, which applies to most filers, is Friday, May 15, 2020. That deadline applies to all filers except for the following individuals:

- Non-Incumbent Candidates
 - Candidate in the March 17, 2020, primary election: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 (note that the primary election is early this year due to the presidential election in 2020)
 - Write-in candidate in the March 17, 2020, primary election: Wednesday, February 26, 2020
 - Candidate in the November 3, 2020, general election (who did NOT appear on an earlier ballot): Monday, October 5, 2020
 - Write-in candidate in the November 3, 2020, general election (who did NOT appear on an earlier ballot): Wednesday, October 14, 2020

- Candidate in a Special Election: 30 days (20 days for write-in candidates) prior to the first election at which their name will appear on a ballot.

- Incumbent Candidates
 - Certified to the ballot prior to May 15, 2020: 30 days (20 days for write-in candidates) prior to the first election at which their name will appear on a ballot.
 - Certified to the ballot on or after May 15, 2020: Friday, May 15, 2020
- Person Appointed to Unexpired Term in Elected Office: Within 15 days after being sworn in to office.
- Person Appointed or Promoted to, or Employed in, a Non-Elective Filing Position after February 15, 2020: Within 90 days of appointment, promotion, or employment.

The purpose of filing a financial disclosure statement is to increase confidence in government and transparency. This is accomplished by assisting filers in identifying potential conflicts of interest and allowing citizens to become aware of the financial interests of the officials and employees who serve them.

For more information on online filing, please visit the [financial disclosure page](#) on the Commission's website.

###