

## **2025 MPHA Paper Ballot**

Elections for the 2026 MPHA Board of Directors will be open December 2-9, 2025. We ask for your name on the ballot so that we can verify that you are a MPHA member. The votes that are cast will be deidentified for the vote tally. Your name will not be associated with your vote in this election. There are two candidates for the position of secretary and two candidates for president. Please vote for one person in each elected position. The candidates are organized by alphabetized last name. If you have any questions, please contact Lydia West at [execdir@mspha.org](mailto:execdir@mspha.org)

### **Step 1**

- Please list your first and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Each nominated candidate has an interest statement included with their name. If you do not vote for either candidate, you may include a write-in candidate instead. Please vote for one person for the position of secretary and one person for the position of president-elect.

The president-elect will serve 3 years on the MPHA board. Year 1 as president-elect, year 2 as president, year 3 as past president.

The secretary position is a two-year position.

**Step 2: Vote for one of the secretary candidates.** To learn more about each candidate, please click [here](#).

- [Hayli Sweigart](#) ☐
  - Statement of interest: "I would bring to this role not only strong organizational skills and dependability but also genuine enthusiasm and a deep sense of commitment to the mission of the Association. I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve as Secretary and contribute to the important work being done through this organization."
- [Ora Williams](#) ☐
  - Statement of interest: "I am excited about the prospect of contributing to the goals and mission of the MPHA, and I believe my passion for public health will make me a valuable asset to this organization."
- Write in Candidate: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 3: Vote for one of the president-elect candidates.** To learn more about each candidate, please click [here](#).

- [Jameshia Ballard](#) ☐
  - Statement of interest: "I believe my experience in program management, policy development, and coalition-building uniquely positions me to guide MPHA into its next chapter. More importantly, I am deeply committed to serving with integrity, collaboration, and vision to advance the Association's mission."
- [Keltra Chandler](#) ☐
  - Statement of interest: "It would be an honor to serve as president-elect and continue building upon the strong foundation MPHA has established. Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to continue supporting the advancement of public health in Mississippi."
- Write in Candidate: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 4:** **Once you complete the ballot, email it to Lydia West ([execdir@mspha.org](mailto:execdir@mspha.org)).** Ballots received after 11:59 p.m. on December 9<sup>th</sup> will not be valid.