

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on September 23, 2026, a public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held by the Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission at 25 S. Front Street, 1st Floor, Columbus, Ohio commencing at 11:00 a.m. local time with respect to the proposed issuance by the Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission (the “Issuer”) of State of Ohio Higher Educational Facility Revenue Bonds (Ashland University 2026 Project) as part of a plan of finance in one or more series which may be issued on the same or different dates in a maximum aggregate face amount not to exceed \$60,000,000 (the “Series 2026 Bonds”). The Series 2026 Bonds will be issued pursuant to Chapter 3377 and Sections 9.98 through 9.983, Ohio Revised Code (collectively, the “Act”), for the benefit of Ashland University (the “University”), an Ohio nonprofit corporation. The Series 2026 Bonds will be issued as qualified 501(c)(3) bonds under Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the proceeds of the Series 2026 Bonds will be used to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping, furnishing, installing and otherwise improving “educational facilities” (as defined in the Act, “Educational Facilities”) of the University.

The proceeds of the Series 2026 Bonds will be made available to the University to finance the costs of the Educational Facilities, which are used in an integrated operation of the University and are located on the University’s main campus, the administrative offices of which are located at 401 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio 44805, and the University’s College of Nursing, which is located at 1020 South Trimble Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44906.

The initial legal owner and principal user of the Educational Facilities financed by the Series 2026 Bonds is the University.

The Series 2026 Bonds will be special obligations of the Issuer and will not constitute a debt or a pledge of the faith and credit or the taxing power of the Issuer or the State of Ohio.

Persons wishing to express their views on the proposed Series 2026 Bonds may appear at the hearing or submit their views in writing regarding the proposed Series 2026 Bonds and the location and nature of the Educational Facilities to be financed.

Any written submissions should be mailed to the Issuer at Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission, 25 South Front Street, 2nd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215; or emailed to the Issuer at KHolttsberry@highered.ohio.gov. Written statements should be clearly marked “Re: State of Ohio Higher Educational Facility Revenue Bonds (Ashland University 2026 Project).” Written submissions should be mailed or emailed in sufficient time to be received before the referenced public hearing on September 23, 2026.

STATE OF OHIO,
acting by and through the Ohio Higher Educational
Facility Commission, Thomas F. Needles, Chair