

Process for Conducting the Spring 2026 Election FNL Editorial Board

1. **Election Date:** The Spring 2026 election for the FNL EB will be conducted in May 2026. The ballot will open on May 14 and close on May 20. Opening of the ballot will be announced in an email from the Chair of the Faculty.
2. **Term duration:** The term for FNL EB members elected in the Spring 2026 election cycle will be the regular three-year term to commence in September 2026.
3. **Voting population:** Current members of the faculty, including Professors of the Practice, faculty post-tenure, and emeritus/emmerita faculty.
4. **Number of open positions and nomination slots:** The number of open positions for this regular election is two.
5. **Candidates for nomination:** Self-nominations were solicited in an email by the Chair of the Faculty and were due no later than April 30, 2026 by email to fnl@mit.edu. There were three self-nominations. Outreach to faculty who had previously indicated interest in the annual committee poll resulted in no further candidates.
6. **FNL Elections Subcommittee (Kit Cummins, Thomas Heldt, Nancy Kanwisher)** solicited a candidate statement of < 200 words, a headshot, and a link to each candidate's preferred website.
7. **Candidates:** The three candidates who submitted self-nominations will comprise the ballot.
8. **Down-selection of candidates:** There is no down-selection of candidates. The three faculty who self-nominated will comprise the ballot.
9. **Publication of slate of nominees:** The nominees' candidate statements will be advertised to the faculty by an email from Roger Levy, Chair of the Faculty, in advance of the election. Candidate statements will also be made available on the FNL website and on the ballot.
10. **Election process:** The elections to be run as usual by MIT Institutional Research Office, using plurality block voting in which each voting member of the faculty may cast as many votes as there are open seats to fill on the Editorial Board. Candidate statements will be linked to the ballot.

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