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Dr. Chandra Alston

Vice Chancellor of Human Resources
University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Dr. Chandra Alston serves as the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources at University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) headquartered in Memphis, TN. Chandra's twenty-five-year career spans roles in information technology, finance, training, and human resources working with faculty, staff, and students. She holds a BS in marketing from UT Martin, an MBA in management from Union University, and a doctorate in leadership from the University of Memphis. Recently, she earned an Associate Diversity Coaching Certification from the Howard University Coach Diversity Institute and a Certificate from Rice University Jones Graduate School of Business in Leading Workplace Diversity. Chandra is married to Dr. Michael Alston, Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Equal Opportunity Officer, at UTHSC. They have three daughters, one son-in-law, and four wonderful grandchildren.



Jeff Bailey

Audit Manager, Local Government Audit
Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury

Jeff Bailey, CPA, CGFM, CFE serves as Audit Manager within the Tennessee Comptroller's Division of Local Government Audit. Jeff oversees financial and compliance audits of 22 counties and limited reviews of ten Judicial Districts within the Middle Tennessee region.

Jeff is a graduate of Tennessee Technological University, where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. He is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Government Financial Manager, and Certified Fraud Examiner. Jeff is also a graduate of the Tennessee Government Management Institute and the Tennessee Government Executive Institute.

Jeff started with the State of Tennessee Department of Human Services in 1989. After working 2 years, he transferred to the Division of Local Government Audit. He recently completed 36 years' service with the State of Tennessee.

Jeff resides in Hendersonville with his wife Annette, son Matt, and goldendoodle Archie.



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Gerry Boaz
Director
Eide Bailly LLP

Gerry began his career as a Director at Eide Bailly LLP in May 2024 after having retired (February 1, 2024) with nearly 30 years of service from the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of State Audit. He is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM), and a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA). He was TN State Audit's Technical Manager for 24 of those nearly 30 years and served as a representative of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT) by observing and writing an account of the GASB meetings. He currently works directly with Eide Bailly's state, as well as other government, clients to improve their organizational efficiency and effectiveness through digital transformation and automation and GASB statement implementations, as well as other advisory services. He serves or served as a member of the following professional organizations:

- AICPA:** Auditing Standards Board for a three-year term (January 2015-January 2018) and its Audit Issues Task Force (AITF), Group Audits and Other Information task forces
- NASACT and National State Auditors Association (NSAA):** Represented TN State Audit on the Single Audit, Auditing Standards and Reporting (ASRC), and Peer Review Committees (served as a Vice Chair for both the Single Audit and ASRC committees); Committee on Accounting, Reporting, and Auditing (CARA – 24 years), and Pension Audit Issues and Leases Implementation Working Groups
- AGA:** National Governing Board (NGB 2020-22) as AGA National President and President-elect, Leadership Development Committee (2022-23), Financial Management Standards Board (2020-current), Past National President/Treasurer Council (PNP/PNT), Professional Certification Board (PCB 2007-14) and as PCB Chair (2010-14), National Executive Committee (now NGB) because of being the PCB Chair (2010-14), Governance Committee (2015-19) and Chair (2017-18), Nashville AGA Chapter President (2006-07), Southeast Regional Vice President (RVP 2015-16) and National Nominating Committee
- Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA):** Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting Committee (AAFRC) for two three-year terms (2004-2009), the Special Review Committee for its certificate of achievement program (24 years), and the GAAFR (Blue Book) Working Group (2019-24).
- Tennessee Government Executive Institute:** 2011 alumnus
- GASB:** OPEB and Revenue and Expense Recognition (RER) task forces
- GAO:** Single Audit working group

He has a BA degree in accounting with a German minor from Murray State University (MSU) in Murray, KY. He is a 1994 graduate of MSU. He enjoys playing golf.



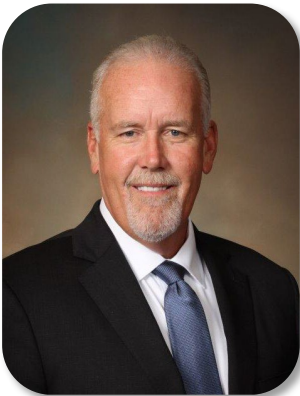
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Emily Brock

Director, Federal Liaison Center
Government Finance Officers Association

As Director of GFOA's Federal Liaison Center, Emily leads coalition and advocacy efforts of the Public Finance Network in Washington DC. Her advocacy includes anticipating and responding to federal legislative and regulatory activities that impact the finance functions of state and local governments and public sector entities including tax reform, municipal securities disclosure and public pension and benefit issues. Emily also serves as staff on GFOA's Debt Committee, working with committee members to develop best practices that promote sound financial practices for local, state and provincial governments. Prior to joining GFOA, Emily was a commercial bank relationship manager at a large national bank, serving as the sole bank liaison for government and university clients.



Joe Carr

County Mayor
Rutherford County

Joe S. Carr is currently serving as the Rutherford County Mayor having been elected in August, 2022. Mayor Carr is former member of the Tennessee General Assembly as a representative from the 48th legislative district. He served in this role from 2008 through 2014. He is a lifelong Rutherford Countian as a 7th generation Tennessean. Mayor Carr did his undergraduate and graduate work from [Middle Tennessee State University](#) graduating in 1981. He and his wife, Ginny, have three children and two grandchildren. They currently reside on their 95 acre farm in [Lascassas](#), where Joe is a Beekeeper, raises Tennessee Walking Horses and as a hobby enjoys working on his sawmill.



Scott Catlett

Director
Eide Bailly

Since 2022, Scott has served as a Director at Eide Bailly LLP based in Nashville, Tennessee, where he oversees a variety of advisory engagements assisting state and local government clients throughout the United States with financial management and budgeting best practice implementation, organizational assessments, and financial policy development. Scott has 25 years of diverse experience in public sector financial management and accounting, with 17 of those



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years spent working as a Budget Manager and later Finance Director for three cities with annual budgets ranging from \$100 million to over \$1 billion.

Scott obtained a bachelor's degree in finance from Tulane University in New Orleans and later a master's degree in public administration from California State University, San Bernardino. In more recent years, he has frequently served as a speaker for government industry courses, conferences, and webinars, and as an adjunct professor teaching public financial management at the graduate level. A highlight of Scott's government service was the honor of being elected by the 2,600 members of California's GFOA affiliate – CSMFO – to serve as 2022 Board President.



Toni Chadwick

Open Records Counsel
Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury

Toni is Open Records Counsel in the Tennessee Comptroller's Office of Open Records Counsel. Toni provides guidance and advice to Tennessee citizens and public officials regarding Tennessee's open meetings and public records laws. Additionally, she promotes awareness of Tennessee's public records and open meeting laws; and mediates open records disputes.

Toni joined the Comptroller's Office in 2023 after serving as an Administrative Judge for the State of Tennessee's Division of TennCare presiding over hearings related to program eligibility. She began her career in state government in 2009 with the Department of Labor, where she served as a Commissioner's Designee making final decisions regarding eligibility of unemployment insurance claims.

Toni is a graduate of Mississippi State University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law. While in law school, she worked as an intern for renowned Mississippi attorney Lee Abraham, where she not only sharpened her law skills, but also encountered wild animals and learned to make donuts.

Toni and her husband, attorney W. Lyon Chadwick, Jr., live in Nashville with their two children. In her spare time, she enjoys running, baking, reading, and all of The Real Housewives.



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Scott Coble

Principal, Sr. Director, Solutions Engineering
OpenGov

Scott currently serves as a Principal, Sr. Director, Solutions Engineering for OpenGov, focusing on customer & sales support, revenue generation, budgeting & performance, product strategy & execution, continuous process improvement, user experience, market research & competitor evaluation.

Prior to his role at OpenGov, Scott served as Budget Manager with Montgomery County, MD, Government's (MCG) Office of Management and Budget. While there, he led a team that built a national award-winning budget application called BASIS which replaced numerous failing legacy and ERP budget systems. BASIS revolutionized the budget process (Operating and Capital) in Montgomery County and saved the jurisdiction substantial time, effort and money.



Courtney Davis

Special Agent
FBI

Special Agent Courtney Davis is assigned to the Cyber squad of the FBI Nashville Field Office. Before joining the FBI, she worked as a software developer and specialized in application development for the iPhone, iPad, and Mac platforms. She has additional experience as a Laboratory Systems Administrator and High School Science Teacher. She has an undergraduate degree from Clemson University in Microbiology and a Master of Arts in Teaching with a focus on Secondary Education Science from Clemson University.



Wes Dozier

Area Vice President – Public Sector, Tennessee
Gallagher

With nearly 25 years of insurance brokerage experience, Wes brings unmatched expertise and energy to the public sector. A proud Harding University graduate, Wes began his journey as a benefits counselor and climbed the ranks—from carrier account executive to trusted broker—giving him a 360° view of open enrollment strategy and execution.



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Wes joined Gallagher through its merger with Five Points in 2013, following a successful 9-year run with US Able Life. Today, he's a go-to expert on State Health Plan migrations, enrollment logistics, claims resolution, and carrier partnerships. He's planned, staffed, and overseen hundreds of open enrollments, and recently co-founded Tennessee's first statewide public sector healthcare risk pool—an innovation reshaping how districts manage healthcare costs.

Wes delivers practical solutions that finance teams can count on.



Andre T. Edwards

Special Agent
FBI

Special Andre T. Edwards has seven years of Cyber Criminal investigative experience with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). SA Edwards has worked Drainware, Ransomware, Malware, Business Email Compromise, and Fraud cases. Additionally, he is a member of the FBI Virtual Currency Response Team, a Cyber Field Instructor (domestically and internationally), and he was the Task Force Coordinator for the Memphis Cyber Criminal Task Force.



Preston Elliott, AICP

Deputy Commissioner and Chief of the Planning Bureau
Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)

Preston Elliott in April of 2020 was named Deputy Commissioner and the Chief of Planning Bureau with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). Having worked with TDOT early in his career, Preston has over 25 years of community and transportation planning experience within Tennessee and the Southeast. Prior to rejoining TDOT, Preston spent 16 years in the private sector providing professional planning services to communities large and small. In addition to his DOT and private consulting experience, Preston has also worked with three metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and as a community volunteer, serving 12 years on a local transit authority board. Preston is a certified planner, he has worked in every mode of transportation, from walking, biking, transit, and vehicular planning, to truck, freight, rail, and shared mobility.



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William F. Fox

Boyd Distinguished Professor Emeritus, and Special Advisor to the UTK Chancellor University of Tennessee

Bill Fox is Special Advisor to the Chancellor and Boyd Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Tennessee. He is former Director of the Boyd Center and Head of the Economics Department. He was the 2013-14 University of Tennessee Macebearer. He is a past President and recipient of the Steven D. Gold Award from the National Tax Association. He has held visiting appointments as Professor at the University of Hawaii, scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and Distinguished Fulbright Chair at the University of Frankfurt, Germany. Fox has served as a consultant to both the private and public sectors on a wide range of public policy issues in over 40 countries and 15 U.S. states.



Drew Freeman

Director, Treasury Outreach
Tennessee Treasury Department

Drew is the Director of Outreach for the Tennessee Treasury Department. Drew oversees the Outreach team, serving all regions of the state, in educating participating employers about Treasury programs. These programs include RetireReadyTN, Treasury's retirement initiative combining the strengths of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, and the Deferred Compensation Program (401k/457) with holistic retirement education. Drew oversees Treasury's effort to educate agency leaders on available retirement benefits, onboard new local government employers to the retirement programs, support participating employers with monthly reporting to TCRS, and provide comprehensive retirement readiness counseling to TCRS members and Deferred Compensation participants.

Drew has faithfully served the Tennessee Treasury Department since the creation of the Outreach team in 2013. Before joining Treasury, he served on the Outreach team for the TN Student Assistance Corporation, the State's agency that administers the lottery-funded HOPE Scholarship to eligible TN college students. He received his master's degree at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and completed his undergraduate degree at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City.



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John Grubbs
HR Consultant
UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service

John has served in management, human resources, and consulting roles for more than 35 years in the public and private sectors. He has served multiple organizations as HR director including two Tennessee cities (White House, and Portland). He has been with MTAS since 2015 and currently serves as the HR Consultant for Middle TN. He holds a Masters in HR Management from the University of Connecticut and is currently a master's candidate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology at Austin Peay State University. He also holds senior level certifications from the HR Certification Institute (SPHR), Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM-SCP), and the Public Sector Human Resources Association (IPMA-SCP).



Brad Harris
Finance and Accounting Consultant
UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service

Brad is a finance and accounting consultant with the University of Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS). He has served as a member of the GFOA Budget and Fiscal Policy Committee as well as on the board of several not-for profit entities. He previously served as the President of the Tennessee Government Finance Officer Association, and currently serves as the agency director for the Tennessee Association of Municipal Clerks and Recorders.

Brad is a CPA and a Certified Municipal Finance Officer, and prior to working for MTAS he served as the finance director for the City of Athens, TN and Rhea County, TN. Brad's passion is to help others grow in the field of government accounting. He teaches frequently through the United States on a variety of accounting topics and has been designated a Distinguished Fellow in Professional Practice by the University of Tennessee Master of Public Policy and Administration Program. He is a graduate of Tennessee Tech University and lives in Dayton with his lovely wife Beth and daughter Katie. His older daughter Hannah resides in Columbia, TN.



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Ben Johnson
Senior Financial Analyst
Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury

Ben serves as a Senior Financial Analyst for the Tennessee Comptroller's Office Division of Local Government Finance. Ben is the Region 5 budget analyst and serves as staff to the Tennessee Board of Utility Regulation. Ben also serves as a member of the Comptroller's Legislative team when the Tennessee General Assembly is in session.

Prior to his current role, he worked for the Comptroller's Division of State Audit and for Deloitte as a Forensic Auditor. Ben has two college degrees, one in Accounting and the other in Agriculture Economics. Ben has been married to his wife Amie since February of 2023. Ben and Amie have one son, Sheppard, who was born in July of 2024.



Tim Kuhn
Director, Tennessee State Data Center
University of Tennessee Boyd Center for Business & Economic Research

Tim is Director of the Tennessee State Data Center, housed in the Boyd Center for Business & Economic Research at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He oversees the Data Center's operations including outreach and dissemination of Census-related materials, analysis and serves as Tennessee's representative to the Federal-State Cooperative for Population Estimates. He has over 20 years of experience in local government and planning, much of it based in the Knoxville-Knox County area. His work has focused on geographic information systems, web technology, census programs and enrollment projections. Kuhn has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Iowa.



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Patrick Marsh

Municipal Management Consultant
UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service

Patrick joined MTAS in May 2024 as municipal management consultant. Prior to joining MTAS, Marsh served as city manager of Fernley, Nevada. Patrick holds a Bachelor of Arts from Augustana College in Illinois and a master's degree in public administration from Northern Illinois University.



Amanda McGraw

Chief Financial Officer
Tennessee Department of Revenue

Amanda began working for the Department of Revenue in 2011 as assistant director of Financial Control. She was promoted to director two years later, and she became chief financial officer in 2015. Amanda graduated from Cumberland University with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting. Amanda has worked in state government since 2009. Prior to working for Revenue, she worked for the Treasurer's Office.



Dr. Perry Moore

Chair of Accountancy, Director of the MAcc Program
Lipscomb University
Pfeffer Graduate School of Business

Dr. Moore is the Charles E. Frasier Chair of Accountancy and Director of the MAcc Program, at Lipscomb University's Pfeffer Graduate School of Business. He is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Internal Auditor, and is Certified in Risk Management Assurance. A Nashville native, Perry graduated from Lipscomb with a degree in accounting and then completed his graduate studies at the University of Alabama and the University of Georgia.



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For the Tennessee Society of CPA's, Perry is a member of their Scholarship Committee. Perry has also directed their "Accounting Academy", a program designed to attract high school students to accounting careers.

Perry is active in the Institute of Internal Auditors. He has served as a Past-President of their Nashville Chapter. Perry is also a Past-President of Delta Mu Delta, an international honor society for business majors, where he currently serves as Treasurer.

Perry provides training for CPAs across the state of Tennessee on Professional Ethics. In 2023, the Tennessee Society of CPAs named Perry as a TSCPApex Award recipient in honor of his exemplary efforts and achievements in advancing the accounting profession through his leadership on the Tennessee State Specific Ethics CPE Program.

Perry serves as a member of the CPE Standards Working Group for the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). In 2015, the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs honored Perry with their International Teaching Excellence Award. In 2022, the AICPA honored Perry with the Mark Chain/FSA Innovation in Graduate Teaching Award. He has also received teaching awards from the Tennessee Society of CPAs, Lipscomb University, and the University of Georgia.



Jason E. Mumpower

Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury

Jason was elected Tennessee's 35th Comptroller of the Treasury on January 13, 2021. He is responsible for leading the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, which comprises 13 divisions and more than 600 employees, and ensuring the Office fulfills its mission to make government work better. He is currently serving his third term.

Prior to his service with the Comptroller's Office, Comptroller Mumpower served in the Tennessee General Assembly as the State Representative for Sullivan and Johnson counties. He was first elected to office at age 23 and during his 14-year tenure, he held the positions of House Minority Leader and House Majority Leader. He joined the Comptroller's Office in December 2010, serving as former Comptroller Justin P. Wilson's Deputy Comptroller and Chief of Staff.



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Comptroller Mumpower has received numerous awards and recognitions during his career. In 2025, he was awarded *USA Today's* Top Workplaces Leadership Award, recognizing him as the nation's Top Leader for similarly sized organizations. In 2023, and 2025, he was named the Top Leader among large Middle Tennessee businesses as part of *The Tennessean's* Top Workplaces competition. He has also been named Legislator of the Year on multiple occasions by several organizations. Additionally, he has received the National Federation of Independent Business' Guardian of Small Business Award and the Future Farmers of America's Lifetime Alumni Award.

Comptroller Mumpower is a graduate of King University (née King College) with a B.A. in Economics and a minor in Political Science. Notably, in June 2013, he graduated from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government *Senior Executives in State and Local Government* program.

Comptroller Mumpower is an Eagle Scout and active in many community organizations and projects, including the Rotary Club of Bristol, TN/VA and the chambers of commerce in Kingsport, Bristol, and Johnson County, Tennessee. He currently serves as a member of King University's Board of Trustees.

Comptroller Mumpower resides in Bristol, Tennessee with his wife, Alicia, and son, Max.



David L. Shelley, J.D.

Assistant Director, Unclaimed Property Division
Tennessee Treasury Department

David is the Assistant Director of the Unclaimed Property Division of the Tennessee Treasury Department. The division returned over \$64 million to more than 78 thousand Tennesseans and others in the last fiscal year. To date, we have already doubled those numbers. Mr. Shelley manages the day-to-day process of receiving and paying out unclaimed property. He and his wife, Jeanna, have been married 37 years. They live in Smyrna, TN and have three grown children who are married and residents of TN. The Shelleys have 9 grandchildren.



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Jeff Stiles

Police Management Consultant
UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service

Jeff Stiles, Police Management Consultant, joined the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) in March 2024. Prior to joining MTAS, he spent more than 28 years with the Knoxville Police Department.

He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee as well as a Master of Business Administration degree. He also holds the Certified Professional in Talent Management (CPTD) certification. He serves municipalities in East and Middle Tennessee.



Christy N. Tennant

Deputy Director, Division of Investigations
Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury

Christy N. Tennant, CPA, CGFM, CFE is the Deputy Director of the Tennessee Comptroller's Division of Investigations. Christy is responsible for overseeing and directing investigations involving fraud, waste, and abuse in local governments, state agencies, and other publicly funded entities.

Christy began her career with the Comptroller's Office in 1999 with the Division of Local Government Audit and has spent the majority of her state service with the Division of Investigations. She was named Deputy Director of Investigations in 2022. In her role, she also works closely with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation, local District Attorneys General, and local law enforcement groups.

Christy received her bachelor's degree in accounting from Tennessee Technological University (TTU). She also has a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Management Information Systems from TTU. Christy is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Government Financial Manager, and a Certified Fraud Examiner. Additionally, she is a 2020 graduate of the Tennessee Government Executive Institute.

A lifelong resident of Putnam County, Christy and her husband have one daughter. In her spare time, she enjoys outdoor activities including playing golf, gardening, and camping.



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Steve Waldeck

Associate, U.S. Public Finance
S&P Global Ratings

Steve is an Associate in the local government group of U.S. Public Finance at S&P Global Ratings. He has been with S&P for 13 years and has work out of the NYC and Boston offices. Now based in Columbus, he specializes in municipalities and school districts across the central Great Lakes region. His current issuer base covers Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Pennsylvania, previously NJ, NY, CT and all of New England.

Steve is originally from Long Island, NY and has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Health Science from Stony Brook University.



Josh Wickham

Resilience Administrator
Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA)

Josh serves as the Resilience Administrator for the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), where he oversees state-funded recovery programs, floodplain management, and recovery coordination initiatives. He has worked at TEMA in various roles for thirteen years and was previously the Director of School Safety & Student Transportation at the Tennessee Department of Education. Josh lives in Nashville with his wife, their 9-year-old son, and 6-year-old daughter.

