



Randy Boyd

President
University of Tennessee

Randy Boyd serves as president of the University of Tennessee. Boyd is the founder of Radio Systems Corp., a Knoxville-based business. He also serves as chairman of Boyd Sports and is the owner of the Tennessee Smokies, Johnson City Cardinals, Greeneville Reds, Memphis Red Birds, and Elizabethton Twins. Boyd served as chairman of the Tennessee Higher Education

Commission and as commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development.

Boyd also served as Gov. Bill Haslam's special adviser for higher education. He was the architect for Tennessee Promise and Drive to 55 and was the founder and chairman of Tennessee Achieves— all initiatives aimed at increasing the number of Tennesseans with post-secondary degrees to 55 percent by 2025 and decreasing financial hardship for Tennesseans pursuing degrees.

Boyd is the first in his family to graduate from college. He earned a bachelor's degree in business with an emphasis on industrial management from UT Knoxville. He also earned a master's degree in liberal studies with a focus on foreign policy from the University of Oklahoma.

Through his philanthropy, Boyd also supports the Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research and the Anderson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation's Boyd Venture Challenge seed grant program for student entrepreneurs, both through the Haslam College of Business at UT Knoxville.



Donde Plowman

Chancellor
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Donde Plowman is the 9th Chancellor of University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Prior to that role she served as Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer for 2 ½ years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Dean of the College of Business for 6 ½ years at University at Nebraska-Lincoln. She served as Department Head of Management at UTK from 2007-1020. She has taught and written extensively on organizational change, leadership, and decision making. She has served on several corporate boards and currently serves on the UT-Battelle Board of Governors, University Health Systems, Inc. Board of Directors, and the UT Foundation Board of Directors.



Dr. Herb Byrd

Vice President
UT Institute for Public Service

Dr. Herb Byrd serves as the Vice President at the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service. Prior to that role, he served as the Human Resources Officer for the Institute for Agriculture. He has served on the staff of the University of Tennessee's Leadership Institute since 1999.

Dr. Herb Byrd received his bachelor's degree in Animal Science, master's degree in Reproductive Physiology and PhD in Educational Leadership, all from The University of Tennessee.

Dr. Byrd is co-author of THE Beef Cattle fIRM™ record-keeping software released through UT. He has received for Outstanding Young Agent, Achievement, and various communication awards. For work in the community, he has received Chamber of Commerce Young Man of the Year, a McMinn County Commission Resolution of Honor and Commendation, and was honored with Herb Byrd Day at the Mid-East Tennessee Regional Fair. Herb serves as an elder of the Maryville Church of Christ, is board president of Teenage Christian Camp, and has worked with medical mission teams in several South and Central American countries with Latin American missions.



Dr. Matt Murray

Director, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy
Associate Director, Boyd Center for Business & Economic Research
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Dr. Matt Murray holds a joint appointment with the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy, the Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) and the Department of Economics at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He is responsible for implementing the mission and vision of the Baker Center. Dr. Murray has worked closely with state and local governments on a wide range of public policy issues including economic development incentives and economic/fiscal impact analysis.

Research Interests include public finance and public policy, state and local tax policy, education finance, tax compliance, and regional economic development



Randy McNally

Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Senate
State of Tennessee

The Honorable Randy McNally, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Tennessee, graduated from Oak Ridge High School in 1962 and earned a bachelor of science degree from Memphis State University in 1967.

Called to the health care profession, McNally attended and graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in 1969. After starting his career working in community pharmacies, McNally joined Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge as a staff pharmacist. He worked at the center from 1979 until his retirement in 2010.

A legislative leader for nearly 40 years, McNally has been recognized for both his work in the General Assembly and in his community. McNally counts among his many achievements the American Conservative Union Conservative Achievement Award, NFIB's Guardian of Small Business Award, the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police Legislative Award, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation award for Legislative Assistance and the Tennessee Press Association Open Government Award.



Cameron Sexton

Speaker of the House of Representatives
State of Tennessee

On Friday, August 23, 2019, Cameron Sexton was elected to be the 83rd Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives. Sexton previously served as House Republican caucus chairman for the first half of the 111th General Assembly. As caucus chairman, Sexton expanded and grew conservative initiatives under the House Republican Majority over the past six years. He also chaired the House Health Committee during the 109th and 110th General Assemblies and has served as Majority Whip during the 108th General Assembly.

Sexton is a member of the sixth class of Leadership Tennessee, and he has been recognized by the International Dyslexia Association for his tireless advocacy on behalf of citizens affected by the learning disorder. Sexton has also previously been named Legislator of the Year by the Biotechnology Industry Organization and the Tennessee Chiropractic Association.

Sexton holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Tennessee. He and his wife Lacey live in Crossville and they have three children: Greer, Olivia, and Nathaniel. They are members of Central Baptist Church where he is active in the church's youth programs. Sexton is also employed by Cumberland County Bank where he works in business development, and he is on the bank's board of directors.



Tim Story

Executive Director
National Conference of State Legislatures

Tim Storey is the executive director of the National Conference of State Legislatures in Denver. The State Services Division at NCSL includes several core programs: fiscal research, the center for legislative strengthening, institutional studies, leaders' services, legislative training and strategic initiatives. He has spent the past 30 years working for and studying legislatures--specializing in the areas of elections, redistricting, legislative organization and leadership.

During his tenure at NCSL, he has participated in, and led more than two dozen, in-depth studies of legislative operations and structure in over half of the U.S. state legislatures. Plus, he has consulted with, and conducted training for, parliaments in Algeria, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Ghana, Iraq, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, and South Africa. Story staffed NCSL's Redistricting and Elections Committee for over two decades authoring numerous articles and papers on the topics of redistricting and elections while serving as a frequently cited source by the N.Y. Times, Wall Street Journal, AP and other major media outlets. For two decades, he led NCSL's effort, StateVote, to collect and analyze state election results.

Born and raised in western North Carolina, he attended Mars Hill College and received his masters from the University of Colorado.



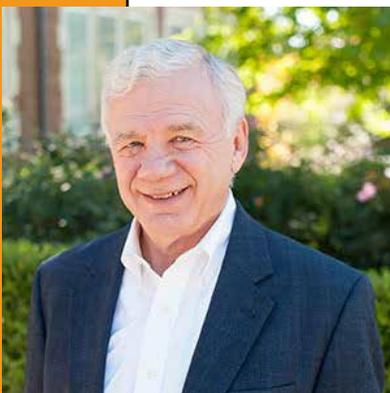
David C. Thurman

Director, Division of Budget
Department of Finance & Administration

Thurman began his career in 1988 as a budget analyst for the State Budget Office in the Department of Finance and Administration. In 1992, he participated in the development of what became the new BEP funding formula for K-12 education, which is still in use today. In 1995, he was hired by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to be the director of Higher Education

Budgeting. As director, he was responsible for developing appropriation and tuition recommendations for each of the higher education institutions. In 1998, the General Assembly, in an effort to establish their own resource for fiscal and budget issues, created the Legislative Budget Office and recruited Thurman to help staff this new office. In this role, he served as a legislative fiscal analyst for ten years until promoted in 2007 to be the Director of the Legislative Budget Office for both the House and Senate. In 2011, he returned to the State Budget Office in the Department of Finance and Administration to serve as its director.

Thurman has a bachelors degree in finance from the University of Tennessee and an MBA from Middle Tennessee State University.



Dr. Bill Fox

Director
Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research

Dr. Bill Fox serves as director for the Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Fox 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.

In addition, he has served as a consultant in over 40 countries and 15 U.S. states on a wide range of public policy issues. Fox is a member of the American Economics Association and past President and recipient of the Steven D. Gold Award from the National Tax Association.



Dr. Macel Ely

Executive Director
Naifeh Center for Effective Leadership

Dr. Macel Ely serves as director of the Naifeh Center for Effective Leadership (NCEL) at the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service. The purpose of the NCEL is to provide training and professional growth to leaders at all levels, from the emerging supervisor to the experienced senior executive. Prior to coming to serve in this role, Ely served as training manager for the UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS). During that time, he oversaw multiple training programs including the Municipal Court Clerk Program, Elected Officials Academy, Municipal Management Academy, Municipal Administration Program, and the Certified Municipal Finance Officer programs.

Ely earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Lee University and Kentucky Wesleyan College and a master's degree in public administration and a doctoral degree in educational leadership from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. He earned the Certified Professional in Learning and Performance (CPLP) certification through the Association for Talent Development (ATD) and also has professional certificates in the areas of coaching, leadership program development, and training management.



Lynnisse Roehrich-Patrick

Senior Public Policy Consultant, Tennessee Advisory
Commission on Intergovernmental Relations

Roehrich-Patrick is the former executive director of the Tennessee Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Currently she is a senior public policy consultant. Roehrich-Patrick's career includes extensive experience in the field of education finance. As education budget coordinator for Governor Ned McWherter's administration, she shared leadership of the team that put the finishing touches on the Basic

Education Program (BEP), including working out the details of its equalization process. As assistant commissioner for Finance, Accountability and Technology with the Tennessee Department of Education during Governor Don Sundquist's administration, she led the team that implemented the BEP funding formula and the array of financial accountability requirements that were mandated by the Education Improvement Act of 1992.

She served on the Basic Education Program Formula Review Committee and was a member of Governor Sundquist's Reading Initiative Task Force and Governor Bill Haslam's Task Force on Education Funding. During her tenure with the Department of Education, she served on several federal committees and task forces for the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), U.S. Department of Education, including the National Forum on Education Statistics, the AllStates 2000 Task Force for the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP), and the Information Committee that developed NCES's 1990 Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems Handbook. Roehrich-Patrick also served on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Advisory Committee. Roehrich-Patrick has also served on a number of local government ad hoc committees and is currently a member of the Board of Commissioners for the Consolidated Utility District of Rutherford County. She is also past chair of Cumberland Region Tomorrow, a non-profit organization that promotes quality growth in the ten-county Greater Nashville area.



Dr. Katie Cahill

Associate Director, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science & MPPA Program
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Dr. Katie A. Cahill is the associate director of the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and the director of the Leadership and Governance Program. Through education, research, and student initiatives, The Baker Center works to promote a participatory democracy and public service grounded in the principles of civility and integrity. Prior to working at The Baker Center, Cahill was the associate director of the Purdue Institute for Civic Communication (PICC) at Purdue University.

Cahill also holds a doctorate in political science from Purdue. She is recipient of a Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship, a Global Synergy Grant, Global Policy Research Institute Graduate Student Fellowship, the Frank L. Wilson Dissertation Award for International Research, a Purdue Research Foundation Summer Grant, and the Devin Roberson Memorial Award for Dedication to Political Science.



Jeff Stiles

Leadership Program Manager

Jeff Stiles serves as the leadership programs manager of the Naifeh Center for Effective Leadership (NCEL) at the University of Tennessee's Institute for Public Service. Stiles served the citizens of Knoxville as an officer with the Knoxville Police Department for 28 years, retiring as a captain. During his career, he served as a patrol officer, patrol sergeant, patrol lieutenant, police academy instructor, supervisor of the Field Training Program, Organized Crime Unit supervisor, Training Director, and Commander of Tennessee's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

He also served as a member of the Department's Special Operations Squad (SWAT) for 20 years. Stiles is a graduate of the University of Tennessee. He is also a graduate of the Southeastern Command and Leadership Academy and the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy (Class 256). He completed his master's degree in Business Administration in 2014.