

HIMSS TENNESSEE CHAPTER

new BOARD MEMBERS

We are excited to welcome our newest board members!



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Tennessee HIMSS Announces 2026–2027 Board of Directors

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee HIMSS (TN HIMSS), the state's leading organization dedicated to advancing healthcare through information and technology, is proud to announce its 2026–2027 Board of Directors. Led by incoming President **Michael Ormaza**, Field CTO & Principal Account Technical Leader at IBM, the board brings together an exceptional group of healthcare executives, clinicians, technology innovators, cybersecurity leaders, and industry experts committed to advancing healthcare across Tennessee through collaboration, education, advocacy, and innovation.

Welcoming New Board Members

TN HIMSS is excited to welcome seven distinguished leaders to its Board of Directors for the 2026–2027 term. Collectively, these individuals represent some of the nation's leading healthcare organizations and bring extensive expertise in clinical transformation, executive leadership, cybersecurity, digital health, health policy, and healthcare operations.

Sarah Bryant, Vice President & Chief Nursing Transformation Officer at HCA Healthcare, brings decades of nursing leadership and clinical transformation experience, helping healthcare organizations improve patient outcomes through technology-enabled care.

Jon Fredrickson, Senior Vice President & Chief Information Officer at Surgery Partners, offers extensive executive leadership in healthcare information technology and digital transformation across ambulatory surgical services.

Chris Kelly, Vice President at BGR Group, contributes significant expertise in healthcare policy, government affairs, and strategic advocacy, strengthening the chapter's voice on issues impacting healthcare technology.

Steve Lodholz, Senior Vice President of IT Security at Premise Health, is a nationally recognized cybersecurity executive whose experience will help support TN HIMSS' continued focus on healthcare security and risk management.

Cinnamon Matthews, Senior Vice President & Chief Digital and Information Officer at Erlanger Health, brings a wealth of experience leading enterprise technology strategy, innovation, and digital transformation within large health systems.

Jake O'Shea, Vice President & Chief Health Information Officer at HCA Healthcare, combines physician informatics, clinical leadership, and technology expertise to advance digital health initiatives that improve patient care.

Sarah Richardson, Principal at This Week Health, is an internationally recognized healthcare executive, speaker, and thought leader whose expertise in digital health, innovation, and leadership will further strengthen the chapter's strategic vision.

Returning Board Members

TN HIMSS also recognizes the continued service and leadership of its returning Board members, whose collective expertise has helped establish Tennessee HIMSS as one of the nation's premier HIMSS chapters.

Returning members include:

- Michael Ormaza – Field CTO & Principal Account Technical Leader, IBM (President)
- Rick Keller – CIO Advisory, Bedroc (Past President)
- Kyle Duke – Consultant (Treasurer)
- Justin Harding – Wealth Advisor, EPM Financial (Secretary)
- Merrill Bohren – Senior Managing Director, Ankura
- Brett Meeks – VP, Government Affairs – AI & Health Technology, Kimbell & Associates

- Patrice Bordron – Senior Vice President & Chief Digital Officer, Community Health Systems
- Barbara Casey – Chief Executive Officer, Pixel Health
- Josh Drummond – Healthcare Account Executive, Palo Alto Networks
- Dara Mize – Chief Medical Information Officer, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- Baxter Lee – Principal Consultant, Clearwater
- Justin Mooneyhan – Chief Information Officer, SALT Dental Partners
- Paul Novak – Chief Information Officer, Quorum Health
- David O'Brien – Vice President & Chief Information Security Officer, Covenant Health
- Neal Patel – Chief Information Officer, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- Keith Perry – SVP & Chief Information Officer, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Geoff Roten – Chief Technology Officer, Scion Health
- Clay Rudiger – Regional Vice President, Arctiq
- Chris Samuelson – Vice President, Carelon
- Jeanne de Vries Sands – Chief Information Officer, MedVet
- Josh Scales – Chief Executive Officer, Uniti Health
- Chris Shea – Vice President & Chief Information Officer, John Muir Health / Optum
- Alan Smith – Chief Information Officer, Lifepoint Health
- Van Steel – Partner, LBMC Information Security
- Rusty Strange – Chief Information Officer, Veterinary Innovative Partners
- Rob Whitley – Managing Partner, VACO

"As the incoming President of TN HIMSS, I am both honored and privileged to continue advancing our mission—improving healthcare through technology. As a father of four and a Nashville-area resident since 2008, I have experienced firsthand the dichotomy of the patient experience in our healthcare system—from a painless and flawless wellness checkup for one of my children, to a terrifying medical emergency where system and process challenges became painfully evident.

This role is more than a leadership position for me—it is deeply personal.

TN HIMSS sits at the intersection of healthcare and technology, which positions us to bring together clinical brilliance and exceptional technology to solve some of the hardest challenges facing healthcare today.

I'd also like to extend a warm welcome and congratulations to all of our new Board of Directors members joining us this year. Their expertise, experience, and commitment to our mission will have a meaningful impact across Tennessee. Our executive team and I look forward to working alongside this exceptional group as we serve our healthcare

community—driving innovation, strengthening collaboration, and advancing programs that deliver real value to our members and the broader healthcare ecosystem.

I am excited for the year ahead and the continued impact TN HIMSS will make across our state."

— Michael Ormaza, President, Tennessee HIMSS; Field CTO & Principal Account Technical Leader, IBM

Over the coming year, Tennessee HIMSS will continue to expand its statewide programming through executive leadership dinners, educational forums, the Healthcare Innovation Exchange, advocacy initiatives, workforce development programs, networking events, and its annual Healthcare Innovation Summit. The chapter remains committed to connecting healthcare providers, technology partners, policymakers, and innovators to improve patient outcomes and accelerate digital transformation throughout Tennessee.

TN HIMSS also extends its sincere appreciation to its outgoing Board members for their dedication, leadership, and lasting contributions to the chapter. Their service has helped build a strong foundation that will continue to benefit Tennessee's healthcare community for years to come.

About Tennessee HIMSS

Tennessee HIMSS is a chapter of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), a global advisor, thought leader, and member-based society committed to transforming the health ecosystem through the power of information and technology. TN HIMSS connects healthcare providers, technology innovators, consultants, government leaders, and industry partners through education, collaboration, advocacy, and professional development to improve healthcare across Tennessee.

For more information about Tennessee HIMSS and upcoming events, visit www.tnhimss.org.