

# **TENNESSEE WMU OFFICER & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER RECOMMENDATION GUIDELINES**

The Tennessee WMU 2026 Nominating Committee will be nominating persons to serve from 2026-2027, a one-year term, as WMU president, three vice-presidents (one from each of the state's grand regions), and recording secretary. In addition, they will nominate Executive Board Members (two WMU Representatives and one At-Large) to serve a four-year term from 2026-2030.

These Recommendation Guidelines and a Recommendation Form are provided for Tennessee Baptists and Tennessee WMU members to make recommendations to the Nominating Committee to consider for Tennessee WMU Officers and Executive Board members.

**Use the Officer & Executive Board Member Recommendation Form to recommend persons for any of these positions.  
Recommendations must be submitted by January 10, 2026.**

## **WMU OFFICERS SERVING 2026-2027:**

- All officers must be active in a TBC church and be active in a WMU organization during their tenure of service.
- No officer, other than the executive director, shall be employed by the corporation.
- The WMU officers shall serve on the Executive Board and the Strategic Leadership Team (SLT).
- The President shall serve as chair of the Executive Board and the SLT.
- The Recording Secretary shall serve as recording secretary for the Executive Board and SLT.
- The President shall have served as a member of the Executive Board or the Strategic Leadership Team for at least two of the six years prior to her election.
- The three Vice-Presidents shall have had experience on the Executive Board or the Strategic Leadership Team. May serve simultaneously as Associational WMU Director and Vice President.
- The President and Recording Secretary may not serve simultaneously as an Associational WMU Director.
- The Recording Secretary shall have had experience on the Executive Board or the Strategic Leadership Team or shall have rendered outstanding services on an associational WMU leadership team.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD – WMU REPRESENTATIVES SERVING 2026-2030:**

- At the time of election and during their term of office, the WMU Representatives must be members of local WMU organizations in Tennessee.
- They must be members of churches or missions affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention at the time of their election and during their tenure.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD – AT-LARGE MEMBERS SERVING 2026-2030:**

- At-Large Executive Board Members shall not be required to be members of local WMU organizations but can be. They should be familiar with WMU and share its vision.
- At-Large members can provide expertise in specific areas of the work of the Executive Board.
- They must be members of churches or missions affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention at the time of their election and during their tenure.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:**

- Accept responsibilities for managing the affairs of the WMU corporation in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Tennessee WMU.
- Integrate the work of the Executive Board, the Strategic Leadership Team, and the staff.
- Attend meetings of the Executive Board.
- Serve on at least one committee and accept assignments to achieve the tasks of the committee.
- Attend the Tennessee WMU Annual Meeting.
- Promote missions and WMU in churches, associations, and state Baptist events whenever possible.
- Enhance the public relations of Tennessee WMU with other audiences.
- Promote the Cooperative Program, Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions, and Tennessee WMU Endowments and Funds.

## **PROVISION FOR EXPENSES:**

- Reimbursement for housing, meals and travel expenses to attend the Annual Meeting and meetings of the Executive Board, SLT and WMU committees will be provided by Tennessee WMU according to budget appropriations.

For more information, contact Tennessee WMU at 615-371-7908.