

Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Council Members

Tracy S. Boatner
President & CEO
East Tennessee Economic Council (ETEC)



Tracy is the President & CEO of the East Tennessee Economic Council, a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to leveraging East Tennessee's federal assets for economic growth. Tennessee Valley Authority, Oak Ridge National Lab, and Y-12 National Security Complex are a few of the region's unique federal assets. Working with these partners, ETEC's Nuclear Working Group organizes an annual Nuclear Opportunities Workshop (NOW). NOW gathers hundreds of attendees from across the nation each year to feature Tennessee's expertise in all things nuclear and to drive interest in the state's robust nuclear industry.

Tracy serves as a Fellow of the University of Tennessee's Center for Energy, Transportation, and Environmental Policy at The Baker School of Public Policy and Public Affairs. Her community leadership roles include Board Chair of United Way of Anderson County; Board Member of YWCA of Greater Knoxville; Alumni of Leadership Knoxville Class of 2012; Past President of Rotary Club of Oak Ridge; Board Member of Center for Leadership & Community Development; and Alumni of Leadership Oak Ridge Class of 2016.

Representative Clark Boyd
Tennessee House of Representatives
District 46



Clark is a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives, representing District 46 since January 2018. Clark grew up in Virginia and later attended East Tennessee State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Learning with a Minor in Military Science. His educational background laid a strong foundation for his future endeavors in both business and politics. Clark served as a Captain in the US Army Reserve, with 11 years of service in the US Army and Army National Guard. His military experience has been a cornerstone of his leadership style and commitment to public service.

Clark was appointed to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 2018 to fill the vacancy left by then Rep. Mark Pody once Pody was appointed to the Senate. Clark has since been re-elected and continues to serve his constituents with dedication. During his tenure, Clark has been actively involved in several key committees, including the Commerce Committee, Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and Health Committee. He currently serves as Chairman of the Business and Utilities Subcommittee.

He has sponsored numerous bills and has been a strong advocate for reshaping energy policy in Tennessee. Notably, Clark sponsored H.B. 0946 enacted July 2023 that established nuclear power is a permissible source of clean energy used by a public utility. The legislation also established that nuclear power is a permissible source of renewable energy used by a public utility.

Clark is actively involved in his community. He has served as the President of the Rotary Club of Lebanon, the Wilson County Habitat for Humanity, and is a board member of Living Sent Ministries. He is also a deacon and Sunday School teacher at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lebanon. Clark and wife, Jada, have two children, Wilson and Blair Ellen. The family resides in Lebanon where they are active members of their church and community.

Adam DeMella
Principal
ADG Strategies, LLC



Adam DeMella is the founder of AMM Strategies, a strategy, government relations and communications consulting firm specializing in nuclear energy and national security. He serves as a Senior Advisor to the leadership of his client companies, responsible for developing strategic partnerships to drive growth and support domestic and international national security and nuclear initiatives.

Adam has over 30 years of experience in nuclear technology and policy, national security, political and legislative strategy, and communications. He is an expert in the government funding process, with executive-level experience in both Congress and the Executive Branch.

Prior to starting his own firm, he was a Senior Vice President at GE-Hitachi, supporting effort to deploy new small modular reactors. Prior to joining GE, Adam worked for Oak Ridge National Laboratory as the Director of Federal Affairs. He previously served as Professional Staff Member for the Senate Committee on Appropriations, overseeing the portfolio that included all nuclear and national security funding within the Department of Energy. Before that, he spent 20 years at Naval Reactors, serving in several roles that included engineering and program management, budgeting, acquisition, and federal affairs. He lives near Annapolis, Maryland with his wife and two children.

Terry Frank
County Mayor
Anderson County



Terry Frank is the Mayor of Anderson County, first elected in 2012. She currently serves on the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR), the board of East Tennessee Economic Development Agency (ETEDA), Association of Tennessee Valley Governments (ATVG), and is Chair of District 2 Homeland Security Council, as well as President of the Tennessee Association of County Mayors. Additionally, she serves on the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability, is Chair of the

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization, and serves on various other boards and committees.

A native Tennessean, Terry attended Sewanee: the University of the South, and Middle Tennessee State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. She and her husband Lee owned and operated a small business in Oak Ridge for over 20 years. Together they have three adult sons, two daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren.

Michelle Amante-Harstine
Founder and CEO
Congressional Energy Engagement LLC (CEE)



Michelle leads Congressional Energy Engagement as a driving force for government engagement programs, promoting clean energy solutions and advancing the nation's leadership in energy. The impact of CEE spans bipartisan Members of Congress, the Administration, C-level industry leaders, and key stakeholders. Michelle and CEE are recognized for developing the U.S. Congressional Energy Leaders Forum, now the Nuclear Policy Leadership Dinner Discussion series under the American Nuclear Society. The firm also works with international entities to foster global partnerships and solutions. A prime example is Michelle's creation of the *World Nuclear Forum – Excellence Through Global Collaboration – Nation by Nation*, an annual event that brings international experts and innovators to the U.S.

While CEE focuses primarily on nuclear fission and fusion technologies, it also collaborates with other clean energy developers, ensuring an inclusive approach to energy innovation. Michelle and CEE are connected to global energy think tanks, universities, and other stakeholders to promote transformative innovation in clean energy. Their efforts support the advancement of U.S. energy leadership, national security, and energy prosperity, all while aligning with the mission of her clients.

Michelle has more than 25 years of experience spanning both the public and private sectors. Her entrepreneurial journey began during her tenure at the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy, where she served as Senior Advisor for Stakeholder Engagement. Currently, as a Senior Fellow for the United States Nuclear Industry Council and a member and the Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Council, Michelle plays a key role in shaping nuclear energy policy at both national and state levels. Though her primary work is based in Washington, D.C., Michelle stays connected to her home in Tennessee. She is involved in initiatives like "Navigating Nuclear: Energizing our World" and immersive programs for Oak Ridge National Laboratory and university students. Whether in the nation's capital or back in Tennessee, CEE and Michelle consistently transcend traditional boundaries, fostering cross-sector collaboration and helping clients achieve their strategic goals in clean energy transformation.

H.M. "Hash" Hashemian, Ph.D.
President and CEO
AMS



Hash is President and Chief Executive Officer of AMS; a nuclear engineering firm operating since 1977 in the United States, Europe, and Asia. He has 47 years of experience in development and delivery of industry-leading instrumentation and control system testing and analysis equipment, training, and services.

Hash holds three doctorate degrees in engineering including a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering, a Doctor of Engineering degree in electrical engineering, and a Ph.D. in computer engineering. He has written three technical books published in English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Russian. He is also the author or co-author of 22 U.S. patents and nearly 400 journal articles, conference papers, and technical reports.

Dr. Hashemian is a Fellow of three professional societies including the American Nuclear Society, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and International Society of Automation. He is also an adjunct professor of nuclear engineering at the University of Tennessee, and an adjunct professor of practice at the Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology. In 2024, he was elected by the American Nuclear Society as its Vice President (2024-2025) and then President (2025-2026). For Dr. Hashemian's executive profile and full resume, please consult www.ams-corp.com/management

J. Wesley Hines, Ph.D.
Nuclear Engineering, Distinguished Postelle Professor, and
Chancellor's Professor
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville



Wes is a Professor in the Nuclear Engineering Department at the University of Tennessee, is the Distinguished Postelle Professor and a UT Chancellor's Professor. He has served 13 years as Nuclear Engineering Department Head, as Interim Associate Dean for Research in the College of Engineering and as Interim Vice Chancellor for Research for the Campus. Wes received a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from Ohio University in 1985, and then served as a nuclear qualified submarine officer in the US Navy. He later received both an MBA and an MS in Nuclear Engineering from The Ohio State University in 1992, and a Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering from The Ohio State University in 1994. He has served the University of Tennessee for 30 years. Under Wes' leadership, his department has grown to the largest Nuclear Engineering PhD program in the US and has been ranked as high as 4th ranked by US News and World Reports.

Wes has authored over 350 technical papers and is invited to speak around the world on topics ranging from his research activities in artificial intelligence, nuclear engineering education, reliability and maintainability education, and national nuclear strategy. His notable academic and scholarly accomplishments have been recognized by the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE)

Nuclear Engineering Division, through their Glenn Murphy Distinguished Nuclear Engineering Educator Award in 2014, he was selected as an American Nuclear Society Fellow in 2015, and was the recipient of the American Nuclear Society, Arthur Holly Compton Award in Education in 2019, and the Robert Long Training Excellence award in 2020. He is the current University of Tennessee Macebearer, the highest faculty honor which recognizes a distinguished career and commitment of service to students, scholarship, and society.

Chris Jones
President/CEO
Middle Tennessee Electric (MTE)



Chris is Middle Tennessee Electric's President and just the fifth CEO in the cooperative's 88-year history. A 25-year veteran of MTE, he is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he earned his degree in communications. During his tenure as CEO, Jones has navigated the organization through several severe weather events, significant upgrades in technology, improvements in member satisfaction to best-in-class levels, and a merger with the Murfreesboro Electric Department. Chris helped spearhead efforts to persuade the State of Tennessee to allow electric cooperatives to provide broadband services to rural areas. In 2018, MTE partnered with United Communications to expand broadband in underserved Middle Tennessee Counties.

Chris is active in Middle Tennessee, serving MTE members and the community through several avenues. He is past chair of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and current chair of Destination Rutherford, and he is past chair and current board member of Williamson Inc. He is a board member of United Communications, the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association, the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce, and the Middle Tennessee Industrial Development Association.

In 2022, Chris received the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's J.C. Brown CEO Communication Leadership Award, which recognizes an electric cooperative or public power district CEO/general manager committed to advancing communication. Chris has also been awarded the Pinnacle Award from Leadership Rutherford, the Business Person of the Year Award from the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, and the Rutherford County Impact Award from the Nashville Business Journal. In 2017, he was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Motlow State Community College. Chris lives in Murfreesboro with his wife, Bonita, who is a retired teacher. They have two grown daughters, Cayln and Chrisln.

Steve Jones
President
Steve Jones & Associates



Steve Jones is an East Tennessee native who grew up in the rural area around the large Federal assets such as TVA, Y-12, and ORNL. Steve has led a distinguished career as a public servant, both within the United States Air Force and within East Tennessee as a business & economic development leader and City Manager of his hometown of Clinton, Tennessee.

Steve serves on the UT/Battelle Development Corporation board of directors, the Tennessee Valley Corridor board of directors, and is an executive board member of the East Tennessee Economic Council. Steve is former Commissioner of the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission and was appointed by Governor Lee in 2023 to serve on the Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Council.

Maria Korsnick
President and Chief Executive Officer
Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)



Maria Korsnick is president and chief executive officer of the Nuclear Energy Institute, the nuclear industry's policy organization in Washington, D.C., a role she has held since January 1, 2017. Drawing on her engineering background, hands-on experience in reactor operations and a deep knowledge of energy policy and regulatory issues, Maria aims to increase understanding of nuclear energy's economic and environmental benefits among policymakers and the public.

The Export-Import Bank of the United States has appointed her to its Advisory Committee and its Council on China Competition; and the U.S. Department of Energy has appointed her to its Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee. She also serves as a member of the board of directors of the U.S. Energy Association; National Energy Foundation; Center for Energy Workforce Development; and the Foundation for Nuclear Studies. She also serves as a trustee of the Nuclear Power Labor Management Cooperation Committee Trust and vice chair of the University of Maryland Department of Mechanical Engineering Visiting Committee.

Before joining NEI, Maria held senior leadership positions in the private sector, including senior vice president of Northeast Operations for Exelon, chief nuclear officer (CNO) and acting chief executive officer at Constellation Energy Nuclear Group. Maria holds a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering from the University of Maryland and has held a Senior Reactor Operator license. She lives in Maryland with her husband, and they are the parents of two adult children.

Don Moul
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Tennessee Valley Authority



Don serves as TVA's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. With more than 37 years of experience in power generation and operations, he possesses a strong track record of enhancing operational performance and teamwork through a disciplined and collaborative leadership approach.

In his key leadership role at TVA, Don has responsibility for TVA's power generation, transmission, and power supply functions. With one of the nation's most resilient, diverse generation portfolios, he leads TVA's industry-leading efforts to provide increasingly cleaner energy. Don also leads a number of other mission-critical areas of TVA's business, including Integrated River System Management; Natural Resources; Environment and Sustainability; Supply Chain; Major Projects; TVA Police and Emergency Management; Enterprise Improvement; and the Clinch River Nuclear Project, which is exploring the viability of deploying small modular reactor technology. Don earned a Bachelor of Science in nuclear engineering from The Pennsylvania State University and an MBA from the University of Notre Dame. He also has been a senior reactor operator at multiple nuclear stations.

TVA and its employees, including Don Moul, an officer of TVA, participated in the Council to provide information on issues related to the state of the nuclear industry, including factual information about TVA's nuclear program and the Clinch River Project, as well as insights to the Council based on Mr. Moul's professional experience in the nuclear industry. TVA and its employees are bound by federal ethics laws and policies concerning endorsements and lobbying, and TVA's and its employees' participation in the report should not be considered to be an endorsement of, or lobbying in favor of, any particular recommendations. TVA and Mr. Moul have recused themselves from the recommendations contained in the Council's Report.

Padma Raghavan, Ph.D.
Vice Provost for Research and Innovation, Distinguished
Professor of Computer Science
Vanderbilt University



Padma is the Vice Provost for Research and Innovation and Chief Research Officer, Senior Advisor to the Chancellor, and Distinguished Professor of Computer Science at Vanderbilt University. As Vice Provost for Research and Innovation, Padma oversees the advancement of the university's research and innovation portfolio, including development of strategic partnerships. These partnerships include the Ancora Innovation, with Deerfield Management, to accelerate the development and delivery of life-changing therapeutics from bench to patient, and Army Pathfinder, a program to rapidly advance mission-critical science and technology.

In her faculty role, Padma specializes in supercomputing. She has authored over one hundred peer-reviewed publications and supervised nearly fifty M.S and Ph.D. theses. Padma has received several recognitions, including the National Science Foundation's CAREER award, elevation to Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She is also active in the profession, currently serving on the advisory committees Office of International Science and Engineering at the National Science Foundation, and on the Board of Governors of UT-Battelle, which operates the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory. In 2022, Padma was appointed to a two-year term on the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

Ken Rueter
United Cleanup Oak Ridge (UCOR)
President and Chief Executive Officer



Ken is President and Chief Executive Officer of United Cleanup Oak Ridge (UCOR), directing the \$8.3 billion Oak Ridge Reservation Cleanup Contract for the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management. He leads a professional and skilled labor workforce of 2,500, working to reduce risks and environmental liabilities, make restored land available for reuse, and facilitate economic opportunities for the region.

Prior to the current contract, Ken led the successful cleanup of the East Tennessee Technology Park, the largest environmental cleanup project in DOE's history and the world's first uranium enrichment site cleanup. In addition to serving on Governor Bill Lee's Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Council, Rueter is chair of the Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) Board of Directors.

David W. Salyers, P.E., P.G.
Commissioner
Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation



David was appointed Commissioner in January 2019 by Governor Bill Lee after serving as Executive Director of the West Tennessee River Basin Authority for 20 years. He represents the Administration and TDEC on priority interagency efforts to improve natural resource management, rural economic development, and outdoor recreation opportunities in Tennessee. In his role, he has also led high-level executive partnerships with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for the Oak Ridge Reservation and successfully worked through a variety of issues with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Over the past two years, David has been instrumental working with the Governor's Office to develop Tennessee's plan for water and wastewater investments through the American Rescue Plan via the *TN Water Infrastructure Investment Program (TWIIP)* and leading development of Governor Lee's Tennessee Conservation Strategy. David has led deployment of historic capital investment in the Tennessee State Park system, including the establishment of eight new state parks.

Recently, David has been focused on implementation of record investments in State Superfund site cleanups and accelerated reclamation through new programs for brownfield site cleanup and redevelopment, including the Brownfield Redevelopment Area Grants or BRAG program. David is honored to serve as Chairperson for the Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Council established by Governor Lee's Executive Order 101 – an opportunity to leverage TN's competitive advantages to become a leader in nuclear energy and supply chain for the region, nation and world. David holds an undergraduate degree from Murray State and earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Patrick C. Sheehan

Director

Tennessee Emergency Management Agency



Patrick was appointed as the Director of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency in 2016. Patrick advises Governor Bill Lee on all aspects of emergency management policy and serves as Tennessee's principal liaison to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He previously served in several roles at the Ohio Emergency Management Agency from 2003 to 2016. Prior to serving in emergency management, he was an enlisted member of the United States Army Reserve as a Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Specialist and completed Army Airborne School. He also worked in the private sector, helping to run his family's businesses in the Atlanta area. Director Sheehan holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Kennesaw State University and is currently pursuing his master's degree from Lipscomb University. He is a graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security Executive Leaders and the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Executives programs. He was also a fellow in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's inaugural Vanguard Crisis Leadership Program in 2022 and is a part of the Harvard Global Crisis and Resilience Forum.

Patrick chairs Tennessee's State Emergency Response Council and is a member of the Nashville Joint Terrorism Task Force, Tennessee's Cyber Security Council, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's First Responder Resource Group, the Public Safety Advisory Council for the FirstNet Authority, the Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Council and serves in other emergency management, homeland security, and public safety and service organizations. Patrick is Chairman of the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium Board of Directors and is the current President of the National Emergency Management Association. An Eagle Scout, Patrick and his family continue to be engaged in scouting in Middle Tennessee.

Jeff W. Smith
Vice President for National Labs, Office of the President
University of Tennessee



Jeff serves as vice president for national labs, the University of Tennessee System's primary liaison to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) leadership team, the U.S. Department of Energy and Battelle Memorial Institute on matters that relate to the UT-Battelle management and operations contract for ORNL. Prior to joining UT's Office of the President, Jeff worked nearly four decades with Battelle, including serving as deputy for operations at ORNL from 2000 to 2021. During his 21 years as deputy for operations, Jeff led a \$750 million modernization of ORNL that transformed the dated facilities of the Manhattan Project-era site into one of the world's most modern laboratories. In 2023, Jeff was asked by the UT-Battelle board of directors to return as interim lab director where he served until October 2023. As interim lab director of ORNL, Jeff led more than 6,500 staff members with an organizational budget of \$2.7 billion to deliver on critical national missions for the U.S. Department of Energy by leveraging Oak Ridge National Laboratory's (ORNL) world-leading facilities.

Jeff currently serves as a board member of the UT-Battelle Development Corporation, where he served as president from 2002 to 2023. He also serves as Vice Chair of the Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Council for the State of Tennessee. Previously, he served on the Tennessee Valley Authority board of directors from 2017 to 2022, the Knoxville Metropolitan Airport Authority board of commissioners from 2005 to 2023 and the Cherokee Farm Development Corporation/Cherokee Farm Properties, Inc. board of directors from 2013 to 2022. He and his wife, Debbie, of 41 years have three daughters and three grandchildren. Jeff is an instrument rated pilot; has built two airplanes, one being a Carbon Cub that he now flies along with a Cirrus SR22.

Jennifer Stone, P.E.
Vice President
Consor Engineers



Jennifer Stone is a professional Civil Engineer that has provided management and technical expertise to infrastructure and nuclear projects for more than 25 years. She specializes managing in large construction projects, as well as, providing effective public communication to relay complex project information in ways that are easily understood. Jennifer is active in several industry organizations that have enabled her to build an extensive professional network which she uses to work proactively across industries. Jennifer is passionate about mentoring the next generation of workforce and advocating for developments that improve the quality of life in her community. Outside of her professional work Jennifer enjoys painting, hiking and gardening.

Braden Stover
Chief Policy Officer
Tennessee Department of Economic and Community



As Chief Policy Officer at the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD), Braden helps the department successfully navigate policies, rules, laws, and relationships with the Governor’s Office and Legislature. In 2023, Braden was appointed by Governor Lee to the newly formed Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Council and has been on point to develop programmatic policies for the new Nuclear Energy Supply Chain Investment Fund established by Governor Lee in 2023 and funded by the General Assembly for two consecutive years. The “Nuclear Fund” has successfully recruited more than 600 new nuclear jobs to the state along with billions in committed capital investment and provided significant support to key workforce development initiatives across Tennessee higher education.

Additionally, Braden has supported the Transportation Network Growth Opportunity (TNGO) initiative at TNECD, which has the goal of attracting more research and development investment to Tennessee. Before joining TNECD, Braden worked for U.S. Senator Bill Hagerty, U.S. Representative John Rose (TN-6), and State Senate Majority Leader Jack Johnson (TN-23). Braden is a graduate of Belmont University and currently resides in Mt. Juliet with his growing family.

Lang Wiseman
Counsel
First Horizon Corporation



Lang is a native Tennessean who attended the University of Tennessee on a basketball scholarship before going on to Harvard Law School, graduating from both summa cum laude. He later grew a private practice as a high stakes litigator before being called to public service. From 2019 to 2021, Lang served as Deputy Governor and Chief Counsel to Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, acting as a liaison between the governor’s office, the legislature, and the various departments and agencies in state government. As Chief Counsel and the state’s Chief Ethics Officer, Mr. Wiseman coordinated the legal and regulatory affairs of the executive branch and advised Governor Lee on legal, political, and legislative matters. He assisted in development, drafting, and implementation of legislation and worked closely with the judiciary and the attorney general and reporter. He was also responsible for assisting Governor Lee with judicial appointments, requests for executive clemency, and implementation of economic development programs at the state level.

Prior to his appointment, Lang was a founding partner at the Memphis law firm Wiseman Bray PLLC. He is a member of the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees and chair of the Governor’s Council for Judicial Appointments. Lang is also a member of the University of Tennessee Research Foundation Board of Directors, TennSMART Board of Directors, Tennessee Economic Development Council and Tennessee Artificial Intelligence Advisory Council.

While consistently listed among “Best Lawyers in America” and a “Super Lawyer” for the state and region, Lang is better known for his self-deprecating sense of humor, strategic insights, common sense savvy, and being a SEC Basketball Legend.

Senator Ken Yager
Tennessee State Senate
District 12

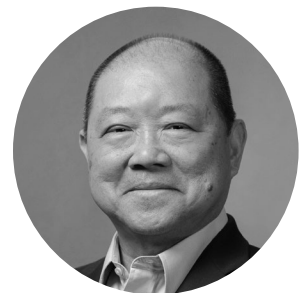


Sen. Yager is honored to represent nine of the finest counties in the Tennessee Senate: Campbell, Clay, Fentress, Macon, Morgan, Overton, Pickett, Roane, and Scott. In Nashville, it is his priority to represent the values and interests of his district. For 47 years, Ken has had the privilege to serve the public. First, as a teacher in the then Harriman City Schools, later as the Roane County Attorney, and then as Roane County Executive for six terms. Through his decades of experience in local government, he gained valuable knowledge—learning to work together to accomplish a goal, being a good listener, and respecting those he may disagree with. This understanding has helped Ken to be an effective state senator.

Ken was first elected to the Tennessee Senate in 2006. In 2018, his Republican colleagues in the Senate elected Ken to Leadership as Chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus. In this position, he works to advance conservative values in the Senate, and he is grateful that his colleagues have trusted him with this important role.

During his time in the Senate, Ken has served on several key committees, including Commerce and Labor, Finance, Ways and Means, and the Fiscal Review Committee. He is also the Chair of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) and a member of the State and Local Government Committee. Additionally, he has had the honor of chairing the Senate State and Local Government Committee and the Joint Fiscal Review Committee. In 2023, Governor Lee appointed Ken to the TN Nuclear Energy Advisory Council.

Loong Yong, Ph.D.
President
SpectraTech



Loong Yong has a B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering. He has more than 30 years of experience in radiological engineering, nuclear safety, environmental remediation, special nuclear materials disposition, and nuclear and hazardous waste management. Loong’s extensive experience includes work at U.S. Department of Energy facilities and commercial nuclear power plants. In 1995, Loong founded Spectra Tech, Inc., a 300-person nuclear, engineering, and environmental services company based in Oak Ridge, TN. Loong is a member of the University of Tennessee Nuclear Engineering Hall of Fame and a current board member of Waste Management Symposia, East Tennessee Economic Council, Oak Ridge Civic Music, and the Guitar Foundation of America. In 2023, he was appointed by Governor Bill Lee to the Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Board.