



WEDI Announces 2026 Officers and Board of Directors

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 8, 2025 — The Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) is pleased to announce the election of its 2026 Officers and Board of Directors who will lead WEDI's multifaceted work on the use of health technology (IT) to create efficiencies in health care information exchange and fulfill its role as a statutory advisor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The newly elected officers and directors begin their roles on January 1, 2026.

Officers:

- **Merri-Lee Stine**, Aetna, a CVS Health Company, Chair
- **Denny Brennan**, Massachusetts Health Data Consortium, Chair-Elect
- **Rebekah Fiehn**, American Dental Association, Vice Chair of Finance
- **Pamela Grosze**, PNC Bank, Vice Chair of Policy
- **Brian Janssen**, WPS Health Solutions, Vice Chair of Membership and Communications
- **Tara Rose**, Optum, Vice Chair of Programs and Services

New 2026 Board Members:

- **Corrie Hearn**, Geisinger (Provider)
- **Samantha Meklir**, Medical Group Management Association (Provider)
- **Elizabeth Reyes**, Elevance Health (Health Plan)

Re-elected Board Members:

- **Julie Brown-Georgi**, American Medical Association (AMA)
- **Rajesh Godavarthi**, MCG Health (Vendor)
- **Cherie Holmes-Henry**, NextGen Healthcare (Vendor)
- **Brian Janssen**, WPS Health Solutions (Health Plan)
- **Steven Johnson**, HCSC (Health Plan)
- **Michael Patwell**, Edifecs, a Cotiviti Business (Vendor)
- **Tara Rose**, Optum (Vendor)

“WEDI is excited to welcome our three new directors, return of seven re-elected directors, and officers. Overall, our board of directors bring diverse expertise and insight to the work of our organization, and our 2026 Board of Directors will further WEDI’s mission of improving health care efficiency through collective action. We look forward to the new year and the leadership of this dedicated team,” stated Robert Tennant, Executive Director of WEDI. “We also extend our deep appreciation to the outgoing directors who volunteered their time and exhibited exemplary commitment to WEDI’s work.”

In addition to the directors named above, the following are continuing members of WEDI’s Board of Directors:

- **Mathew Albright**, Zelis Payments (Vendor)
- **Brenda Brault**, Mayo Clinic
- **Michael Cimmino**, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (Government)
- **Terrence Cunningham**, American Hospital Association, (Provider)
- **Charles Jaffe, MD, PhD**, Health Level Seven (Standards/Operating Rules)
- **Sean Kilpatrick**, Availity (Vendor)
- **Gail Kocher**, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (Health Plan)
- **Danielle Lloyd**, America’s Health Insurance Plans (Health Plan)
- **Tim Pletcher**, MiHIN (Other Entity)
- **John Rancourt**, Assistant Secretary of Technology Policy (Government)
- **Gheisha-Ly Rosario Diaz**, LabCorp (Provider)
- **Cathy Shepard**, X12 (Standards/Operating Rules)
- **Lee Ann Stember**, National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (Standards/Operating Rules)
- **Robert Tennant**, WEDI (Executive Director)
- **Erin Weber**, CAQH CORE (Standards/Operating Rules)
- **Mark Yakimisky**, Kaiser Permanente (Health Plan)

About WEDI

WEDI was formed in 1991 by then HHS Secretary Dr. Louis Sullivan to identify opportunities to improve the efficiency of health data exchange. WEDI was named in the HIPAA legislation as an advisor to the Secretary of HHS. Recognized and trusted in this role, WEDI is the leading authority on the use of health information technology to efficiently improve health information exchange, enhance care quality, and reduce costs. With a focus on advancing standards for electronic administrative transactions, and promoting data privacy and security, WEDI has been instrumental in aligning the industry to harmonize administrative and clinical data.

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