Dr Brian Noland became the ninth President of East Tennessee State University on January 15, 2012. Prior to coming to ETSU, Dr Noland spent five years as Chancellor of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, a 10-person board that oversees the state's post-secondary education system. From 1998-2006, he worked for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and was promoted through the ranks to become Associate Executive Director. Among his responsibilities while at THEC was implementing the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship program. He also was a faculty member in the Peabody College of Education at Vanderbilt University. Dr Noland received his B.A. in Political Science and M.A. in Public Policy Studies from West Virginia University and holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Tennessee Knoxville.