



## **New Board Members – May 2024**

**Susan Adams**  
**State Policy Director**  
**Dominion Energy**  
**Waterford, CT**

Hired in 2023 as State Policy Director at Dominion Energy where she is responsible for state-level government and community affairs for the New England region. These duties include lobbying at the state level, neighbor relations, media relations and charitable contributions. Susan is based at the Millstone Power Station in Waterford, CT.

Prior to joining the company, Adams spent 9 years as the Senior Government Liaison at General Dynamics Electric Boat where she represented the company in all matters related to state and local government in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Adams joined General Dynamics in 2008 as a senior tax accountant.

Adams is a graduate of the University of Connecticut with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. She is a life-long resident of southeastern CT with many connections to the community through volunteerism and board membership.

**Liesl Sheehan**  
**Partner**  
**Tremont Strategies Group**  
**Boston, MA**

Liesl leads the federal and multi-state government relations practice as a founding partner at Tremont Strategies. An expert in public policy strategy, bipartisan legislative strategy and communications, she is a valued partner for clients in the health care, defense, education, and biotechnology sectors. Her strategic approach and commitment to client impact has delivered transformative results for technology start-ups, major consumer brands, complex trade associations, and international NGOs.

Liesl was previously the President and head of Federal and Multi-State Affairs at ADS Ventures, after working for several years on Capital Hill and in the government and public affairs arena. Her private sector experience includes her role as Corporate Responsibility Specialist for Heineken USA, and public opinion research and consulting for The Mellman Group.

A Massachusetts native, Liesl cut her teeth in the district and Washington, DC offices of former Congressman Bill Delahunt (D-MA 10). She earned her Bachelor's degree in International Affairs from the George Washington University.

**Umberto Speranza**

**Assistant Vice President, Government Affairs**

**Unum**

**Portland, ME**

Umberto Speranza is Assistant Vice President for Government Affairs at Unum, the nation's leading disability income insurer and Fortune 500 financial services provider. In this role, he engages with lawmakers and public officials at the state and federal level by advancing and defending the company's legislative, regulatory and public policy agendas. He specializes in top public policy issues impacting the benefits industry such as Paid Family and Medical Leave, Long Term Care, Mental Health, and other key products and priorities.

Prior to joining Unum Umberto held various roles in government and politics, including serving as a United States Fulbright Scholar to Italy. He previously held multiple roles in the Ohio Legislature, including policy advisor, communications manager, and legislative fellow. He holds a Master's degree in International Affairs from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

He lives in Maine with his wife Hannah and one year old son Teodoro.

**Lisa Wieland**

**President, New England**

**National Grid**

**Waltham, MA**

**Career:** Lisa is responsible for safe, reliable and affordable energy delivery to National Grid's customers in New England, overseeing gas and electric operations in Massachusetts and transmission in New England. She is committed to enabling the Commonwealth's energy transition and ambitious climate goals, while keeping Massachusetts competitive.

Prior to joining National Grid, Lisa served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Massachusetts Port Authority, a complex quasi-public sector organization operating vital transportation assets including Boston Logan International Airport, Hanscom Field and Worcester Airport, Maritime facilities in the Port of Boston and a large commercial real estate portfolio. During her tenure, Massport completed significant capital projects, including the expansion of Terminal E for international flights, a new post-security connection linking Logan's busiest terminals, the dredging of Boston Harbor and the modernization of the Port's container facilities. Lisa also launched an ambitious NetZero Plan and expanded the Massport Model, a diversity and inclusion initiative in commercial real estate that has become a model for development in the region.

Before Massport, Lisa worked as a Consultant for Bain & Company, serving clients in the health care, medical devices and consumer products industries. She began her career in broadcast journalism covering various news and political assignments for CNN.

**Skills and Competencies:** Lisa is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles and received an MBA from Harvard Business School. She has deep experience working with community stakeholders, customers, business partners and government officials to advance large-scale critical infrastructure projects. While Massport's Port Director, she was named Chairperson of the Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

**External Appointments:**

- Boston Children's Hospital, Board of Trustees
- New England Council, Board Member