

James Nicholson
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Zanesville, Ohio



James Nicholson is the president and chief executive officer of North Valley Bank of Zanesville, Ohio, a community bank with \$302 million in assets that is locally owned and community oriented, serving customers in southeastern Ohio.

Prior to joining North Valley Bank, Mr. Nicholson served as a regional president and as a regional chief financial officer for Huntington Bank, chief financial officer for Park View Federal Savings Bank, chief financial officer for Lorain National Bank, and president and chief executive officer of the First National Bank of Zanesville and its successor Unizan Bank. Before entering the banking industry, he practiced in public accounting with Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Nicholson is a board member of the Ohio Bankers League and Genesis HealthCare System. He also serves on the Investor Steering Committee of the Muskingum Growth Partnership. He is a past director of the Zanesville Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce, the Muskingum County Family YMCA, and the Muskingum County Community Foundation. He is also the recipient of the 2023 Richard O. Johnson Civic Leadership Award through the Muskingum County Community Foundation.

Mr. Nicholson earned his BA in accounting from Muskingum University. He is also a graduate of The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business Huntington Executive Leadership Program.