

# URMIA Election Candidate 2025

Individual Profile			
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Christine Packard</b>	<b>Position:</b>	<b>Board of Director – Institution</b>
<b>Title:</b>	Assistant Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management	<b>Organization:</b>	University of Massachusetts
<b>Designations:</b>	ARM, MPA	<b>Years in Higher Ed RM:</b>	6 years
<b>Gender:</b>	Female	<b>Race:</b>	White/Caucasian/Euro-American (non-Hispanic)
Organization Profile			
<b>Membership category:</b>	Institutional System 10	<b>Student FTE of institution:</b>	71,977
<b>Type of institution</b>		<b>Two-year institution:</b>	No



## What leadership skills and talents make you a good candidate?

I believe effective leadership begins with the ability to truly listen. Throughout my career, I have prioritized active listening to understand the varied perspectives of stakeholders, colleagues, and superiors. This has allowed me to identify both challenges and opportunities that might otherwise be overlooked.

I also place great value on collaboration and mutual respect, consistently striving to foster a welcoming and engaging environment balanced with ensuring goals and objectives are effectively and efficiently met.

I pride myself on being a keen observer. In a field where change is constant and nuance matters, the ability to recognize trends, perceive subtle shifts and anticipate needs can make a significant impact.

Together, these skills equip me to be a thoughtful, collaborative, and strategic board member who contributes meaningfully to URMIA's mission and its member community.

## What would you bring to the board (e.g., thought leadership, talent, skillset, ability, etc.)?

I would bring to the URMIA Board my ability to see both the big picture and the operational details, a skill that is critical to continued strategic development of an organization. I like to approach challenges with “out-side-the-box” thinking that is grounded in reality.

I would also bring the ability to cultivate thought partnership; I listen actively, question constructively, and contribute ideas that help move discussions from insight to action. I also value the ability to incorporate levity and collegiality into discussions to foster a sense of team and encourage an environment in which all members feel welcome to contribute.

Most importantly, I bring a deep commitment to URMIA's values and membership. Serving on the Board would be an honor as it provides opportunity to not only contribute to the association, but also to help shape the future of risk management in higher education.