

WHAT DOES BOARD SERVICE ENTAIL?

How the three main roles of the board relate to the 10 basic responsibilities of nonprofit board members:



The three legal duties of a nonprofit board member:

Care

Pay attention to the organization's activities and operations

Loyalty

Put the interests of the organization before personal and professional interests.

Obedience

Comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws; adhere to the organization's bylaws; and remain the guardians of the mission.

How current boards rate themselves on the ten basic responsibilities:

| Responsibility | CEO | Chair |
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|  Mission | A- | A- |
|  Financial Oversight | B+ | B+ |
|  Legal/Ethical Oversight | B+ | B+ |
|  CEO Support | B | B+ |
|  Strategy | B- | B |
|  CEO Evaluation | B- | B |
|  Monitors Performance | B- | B |
|  Community Relations | C+ | C+ |
|  Board Composition | C | C+ |
|  Fundraising | C | C |

Sources: [Board Fundamentals](#), [Ten Basic Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards](#), [Leading with Intent](#), [Legal Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards](#)