

Board Director Duties

Board members are the fiduciaries who steer the organization toward a sustainable future by adopting sound, ethical, and legal governance and financial management policies, as well as by **making sure the nonprofit has adequate resources** to advance its mission.

Just as for any corporation the board of directors of a nonprofit has three primary duties known as the “**duty of care,**” “**duty of loyalty,**” and “**duty of obedience.**”

1. **Duty of Care:** Take care of the nonprofit by ensuring prudent use of all assets, including facility, people, and good will; includes responsibility to ensure that the nonprofit remains financially viable.
2. **Duty of Loyalty:** Ensure that the nonprofit’s activities and transactions are, first and foremost, advancing its mission; Recognize and disclose conflicts of interest; Make decisions that are in the best interest of the nonprofit corporation; not in the best interest of the individual board member (or any other individual or for-profit entity).
3. **Duty of Obedience:** Ensure that the nonprofit obeys applicable laws and regulations; follows its own bylaws; and that the nonprofit adheres to its stated corporate purposes/mission.

However, a board of directors does not exist solely to fulfill legal duties and serve as a fiduciary of the organization’s assets. Board members also play very significant roles in providing guidance to nonprofits by contributing to the organization’s culture, strategic focus, effectiveness, and financial sustainability, as well as serving as ambassadors and advocates. Beyond fulfilling legal duties, board members can be important resources for the organization in multiple ways.

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<https://councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources/board-roles-and-responsibilities>

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Board Director Responsibilities

Mission: Advancing moral, purposeful, and emotionally intelligent leadership to inspire and engage current and emerging leaders.

- **Serve as an ambassador for think2perform RESEARCH INSTITUTE:** Share information about our mission, work to further our mission in your personal, professional, and community life, and seek ways to bring resources, volunteers, and partnerships to the organization.
- **Attend all board meetings:** Prepare for board meetings in advance by reviewing agenda and materials. If you miss a meeting, contact the executive director for an update.
- **Committee Work:** Actively participate in at least one board committee (e.g., Fellows; Publications; Development; Programs) to which you can lend passion and expertise.
- **Attend one event (e.g., donor appreciation or conference) annually.**
- **Make think2perform RESEARCH INSTITUTE a focus of your annual philanthropy.**
 - Make a contribution annually.
 - Provide financial or in-kind support to events.
 - Identify at least 5 contacts for whom you would sign a solicitation letter and/or make a request for contribution.
- **Circulate t2pRI's program materials**—e.g., Social Impact Papers, website content, and social media posts (e.g., Facebook, LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram).
- **Advocate**
- **Enjoy.**

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