

TEN BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF NONPROFIT BOARDS

1. Determine mission and purpose, articulating the organization's goals, means, and primary constituents served, then actively advocate for the mission and goals.
2. Select the chief executive, clarifying the responsibilities and undertaking a careful search to find the most qualified individual for the position.
3. Support and evaluate the chief executive, ensuring that they have the moral and professional support needed to further the goals of the organization.
4. Ensure effective planning, actively participating in an overall planning process and assisting in implementing and monitoring the plan's goals.
5. Monitor and strengthen programs and services, determining which programs are consistent with the organization's mission and monitoring their effectiveness.
6. Ensure adequate financial resources, securing the funding needed for the organization to fulfill its mission.
7. Protect assets and provide proper financial oversight, developing the annual budget and ensuring that proper financial controls are in place.
8. Build and sustain a competent board, articulating prerequisites for candidates, orienting new members, and periodically and comprehensively evaluating their own performance.
9. Ensure legal and ethical integrity, adhering to legal standards and ethical norms.
10. Enhance the organization's public standing, clearly articulating and advocating for the organization's mission, impact, and goals, and garnering support from the community.

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