

# 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mission	A-	A-
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Oversight	B+	B+
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal/Ethical Oversight	B+	B+
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CEO Support	B	B+
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategy	B-	B
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CEO Evaluation	B-	B
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monitors Performance	B-	B
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Relations	C+	C+
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Composition	C	C+
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	C	C

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