

# WHAT DOES BOARD SERVICE ENTAIL?

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



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

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
 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