# Energizing Your Board For Success!

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# Mission and Purpose

Determine the organization's mission and purpose.

It is the board's responsibility to create and review a statement of mission and purpose that articulates the organization's goals, means, and primary constituents served.



#### **Chief Executive**

Select the chief executive. Boards must reach consensus on the chief executive's responsibilities and undertake a careful search to find the most qualified individual for the position.



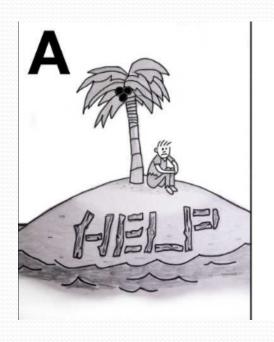
# Financial Oversight

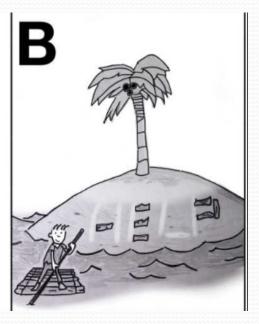
**Provide proper financial oversight**. The board must assist in developing the annual budget and ensuring that proper financial controls are in place.



#### Resources

**Ensure adequate resources**. One of the board's foremost responsibilities is to provide adequate resources for the organization to fulfill its mission.

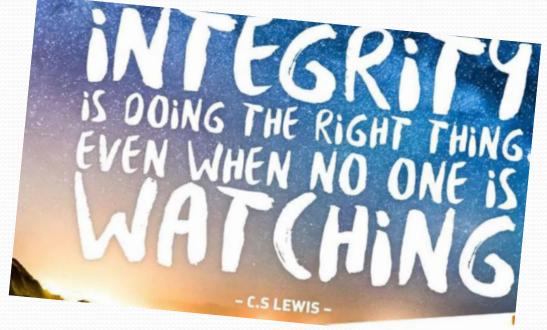




# Integrity and Accountability

Ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability. The board is ultimately responsible for ensuring adherence to legal standards and ethical

norms.



# Organizational Planning

Ensure effective organizational planning. Boards must actively participate in an overall planning process and assist in implementing and monitoring the plan's goals. Meetings should be strategic – forward thinking.

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#### Recruitment and Assessment

Recruit and orient new board members and assess board performance. All boards have a responsibility to articulate prerequisites for candidates, orient new members, and periodically and comprehensively evaluate its own performance.





# Organizational Image

Enhance the organization's public standing. The board should clearly articulate the organization's mission, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garner support from the community.



# Organization's Programs

Determine, monitor, and strengthen the organization's programs and services. The board's responsibility is to determine which programs are consistent with the organization's mission and to monitor their effectiveness



### Support

**Support the chief executive and assess his or her performance**. The board should ensure that the chief executive has the moral and professional support he or she needs to further the goals of the organization.



## **Questions or Comments?**



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