

Duties of Nonprofit Directors:

1. Legal Oversight

A. The board generally ensures that it is operating in accordance with its mission and the purpose for which it was granted tax-exempt status.

B. As safeguards of the public trust, board members generally are responsible for protecting the organization's assets.

C. The board should ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability.

2. Management Oversight

A. The board is responsible for insuring that the nonprofit corporation is being run well.

B. The board selects the chief executive and decides his/her role. (The chief executive is often called the executive director.)

C. The board supports the chief executive and assesses his/her performance.

D. The board usually has the power to hire and remove the chief executive.

3. Financial Oversight

A. The board provides proper financial oversight, including setting and approving an annual budget.

4. Program Oversight

A. The board ensures that programs are in place to further the mission and goals of the organization.