

Type:

Governing Board

Focus:

Making decisions and setting direction for the organization
Delegating the responsibility for operations to the Executive Director.

Key Functions:

The essence of the board's job is to direct and protect the organization in the interests of the owners.

Model:

Trellis has adopted the Governance Excellence Model (G.E.M.) as developed by STRIVE!

G.E.M. identifies the key disciplines for boards to do their part in making organizations successful and outlines the following seven disciplines of board responsibility:

DIRECT...Organizational Performance

Directing involves defining and refining the vision, mission and values, and determining the key result areas.

PROTECT...in the interests of the Owners

Protecting involves ensuring that the organization meets the expectations of its owners.

RESPECT....Owners Expectations

Respecting involves proactively communicating and gathering perspectives from owners – listening and inviting input from the owners and help owners to understand board actions and organizational results.

REFLECT...on Organizational Results

Reflecting involves thinking about why the organization achieved or did not achieve its results.

SELECT...your Prominent Leadership

Selecting involves chooses officers, directors and the executive director.

EXPECT...great Board-Management Interaction

Expecting involves developing a healthy relationship between the Board and the Executive Director based on openness and transparency.

CONNECT....for healthy Board Relations

Connecting involves understanding what each other can contribute and bringing out the best in each other.