What does it mean that GTP takes a "Board as Governors" approach to governance?



FIVE MODELS FOR NONPROFIT BOARD GOVERNANCE

Board as Staff	Board as Managers	Board as Directors	Board as Governors	Board as Advisors
• The board spends most of its time <i>doing</i> the work of the organization	• The board spends most of its time <i>supervising</i> the work of the organization	• The board spends most of its time <i>directing</i> the work of the organization	• The board spends most of its time <i>governing</i> the work of the organization	• The board spends most of its time <i>affirming</i> the work of the organization
• Primary board output is <i>labor</i>	 Primary board output is <i>coordination</i> 	 Primary board output is <i>direction</i> 	 Primary board output is <i>accountability</i> 	• Primary board output is <i>endorsement</i>
• Legal responsibility resides with the board	• Legal responsibility resides with the board	 Legal responsibility resides with the board 	• Legal responsibility resides with the board	• Legal responsibility resides with the board
• Reasons for organization to exist are determined by the board	• Reasons for organization to exist are determined by the board	• Reasons for organization to exist are determined by the board	• Reasons for organization to exist are determined by the board	• Reasons for organization to exist are determined by the CEO
 Organizational goals and objectives are set by the board 	• Organizational goals and objectives are set by the board	• Organizational goals and objectives are set by the board	 Organizational goals and objectives are set by the CEO in annual dynamic plans 	 Organizational goals and objectives are set by the CEO in annual dynamic plans
• Strategies to achieve organizational objectives are developed by the board	• Strategies to achieve organizational objectives are developed by the board	 Strategies to achieve organizational objectives are developed by the CEO and staff 	• Strategies to achieve organizational objectives are developed by the CEO and staff	• Strategies to achieve organizational objectives are developed by the CEO and staff
• Day-to-day operational authority rests with the board	• Day-to-day operational authority rests with the CEO	• Day-to-day operational authority rests with the CEO	• Day-to-day operational authority rests with the CEO	• Day-to-day operational authority rests with the CEO

White indicates Board responsibilities. Gray indicates CEO responsibilities. This two-page chart is adapted from a template created by R. Terrence Jackson. It was adapted for the GTP Board by President & CEO, Gary G. Hoag on 15 August 2019. Draft revised 15 October 2019.



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 Compliance with federal and state laws Follow Articles of Incorporation Fiduciary Duties Ensure IRS 990 Filing 	 Compliance with federal and state laws Follow Articles of Incorporation Fiduciary Duties Ensure IRS 990 Filing 	 Compliance with federal and state laws Follow Articles of Incorporation Fiduciary Duties Ensure IRS 990 Filing 	 Compliance with federal and state laws Follow Articles of Incorporation Fiduciary Duties Ensure IRS 990 Filing 	 Compliance with federal and state laws Follow Articles of Incorporation Fiduciary Duties Ensure IRS 990 Filing
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Board measures progress toward organizational goals as outlined in Board Policy Manual	Board measures progress toward organizational goals as outlined in Board Policy Manual	Board measures progress toward organizational goals as outlined in Board Policy Manual	• CEO reports annual progress toward organizational goals to Board as outlined in Board Policy Manual	• CEO reports annual progress toward organizational goals to Board as outlined in Board Policy Manual
 Which employees to hire and when Where and when to engage in work How to spend the organization's money by serving as budget managers Conflict resolution 	 Which employees to hire and when Where and when to engage in work How to spend the organization's money by serving as budget managers Conflict resolution 	 Which employees to hire and when Where and when to engage in work How to spend the organization's money within parameters of approved budget Internal conflict resolution 	 Which employees to hire and when Where and when to engage in work How to spend the organization's money within parameters of approved budget Internal conflict resolution 	 Which employees to hire and when Where and when to engage in work How to spend the organization's money within parameters of approved budget Internal conflict resolution
 Hiring and training of internal employees and volunteers Buying supplies and equipment Inviting financial support/counting gifts Serving clients 	 Hiring and training of internal employees and volunteers Buying supplies and equipment Inviting financial support/counting gifts Serving clients 	 Hiring and training of internal employees and volunteers Buying supplies and equipment Inviting financial support/counting gifts Serving clients 	 Hiring and training of internal employees and volunteers Buying supplies and equipment Inviting financial support/counting gifts Serving clients 	 Hiring and training of internal employees and volunteers Buying supplies and equipment Inviting financial support/counting gifts Serving clients