

Role of Individual Board Members

Duty of Care

- Using your best judgment
- Actively participating, paying attention
- Asking pertinent questions

Duty of Loyalty

- Avoiding conflicts of interest
- Putting aside personal and professional interests

Duty of Obedience

- Staying true to the organization's mission
- Obeying the law, both public and organizational

Other Roles of Individual Board Members

AMBASSADOR ROLE

- Secondary importance to governance
- But, strongly recommended because board members are in a good position to do this and organizational sustainability is critical

VOLUNTEER ROLE

- Can help build Board members' organizational understanding and a positive organizational culture
- Board members are strictly volunteers in this role, NOT in charge, NOT possessing higher authority, NOT acting on behalf of the full board