

Board Job Descriptions

What is the job description of a board chair?

- Oversees board and executive committee meetings
- Works in partnership with the chief executive to make sure board resolutions are carried out
- Calls special meetings if necessary
- Appoints all committee chairs, and with the chief executive, recommends who will serve on committees
- Assists chief executive in preparing agenda for board meetings
- Assists chief executive in conducting new board member orientation
- Oversees searches for a new chief executive
- Coordinates chief executive's annual performance evaluation
- Works with the governance committee to recruit new board members
- Acts as an alternate spokesperson for the organization
- Periodically consults with board members on their roles and helps them assess their performance

What is the job description of a board vice chair?

- Attend all board meetings
- Serve on the executive committee if one exists
- Carry out special assignments as requested by the board chair
- Understand the responsibilities of the board chair and be able to perform these duties in the chair's absence
- Participate as a vital part of the board leadership

What is the job description of a board secretary?

- Attend all board meetings
- Serve on the executive committee if one exists
- Ensure the safety and accuracy of all board records
- Review board minutes
- Assume responsibilities of the chair in the absence of the board chair, chair-elect, and vice chair

- Provide notice of meetings of the board and/or of a committee when such notice is required

What is the job description of a board treasurer?

- Attend all board meetings
- Maintain knowledge of the organization and personal commitment to its goals and objectives
- Understand financial accounting for nonprofit organizations
- Serve as the chair of the finance committee
- Manage, with the finance committee, the board's review of and action related to the board's financial responsibilities
- Work with the chief executive and the chief financial officer to ensure that appropriate financial reports are made available to the board on a timely basis
- Present the annual budget to the board for approval
- Review the annual audit and answer board members' questions about the audit

References

[Roles and Responsibilities](#) (BoardSource 2008).