

Effective Board Governance

Effective Board Governance is an online training course designed to provide a comprehensive orientation to the role and responsibilities of board and council members serving on nonprofit boards.

The course consists of the following modules:

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| Module One | Orientation to the Board |
| Module Two | The Structure of Nonprofit Boards |
| Module Three | Board Role and Responsibilities |
| Module Four | The Executive Director |
| Module Five | Strategic Planning |
| Module Six | Policy Development |
| Module Seven | Budget and Finances |
| Module Eight | Resolving Conflict |

Upon completion of the course, participants will:

- Better understand the structure, authority and powers of a nonprofit board;
- Understand the process of governance as the leadership role of a board;
- Understand the specific governance responsibilities of a nonprofit board;
- Be able to clearly differentiate the role and responsibilities of the board from those of the board's administrator;
- Understand how to apply a results-focused approach to board governance through strategic planning and policy development;
- Understand the board's oversight role in finance and budgeting; and
- Understand the role of conflict as it affects the operation of the board.

Course Objectives:

The Effective Board Governance course provides participants with the knowledge necessary to understand and move towards self governance. Board effectiveness increases when board members properly understand and attend to the board's governance role and responsibilities, and when they can separate these from the management role and responsibilities of the board's administrator.

Every nonprofit organization seeks to improve the quality of life for the people they serve. With a result-focused approach, achieved through planning that is truly strategic, boards in First Nations communities will be better positioned to bring about the specific improvements they desire.

Evaluation Process:

Each course participant must successfully complete a test at the end of each module.

Course Duration:

On average, this self-paced course will take between 6-12 hours to complete.

Who Should Take the Course?

The course will be of interest to new board members who desire to quickly become knowledgeable and skilled in board governance, and to those experienced members who desire higher levels of board effectiveness.