

Trustees' Responsibilities

1. Understanding and applying the organization's mission, by-laws and policies.
2. Establishing the vision and values of the organization by overseeing and participating in the development of a periodically updated "strategic plan" and by reaching agreement on the broad policies necessary to implement it.
3. Contributing to the organization's financial health through fiscal oversight and resources development.
4. Attending and participating in board meetings and other events designed to strengthen the board and enhance its members' knowledge and skills.
5. Hiring and evaluating the executive director.
6. Avoiding any potential conflicts of interest between one's personal or business life and one's fiduciary duties.
7. Keeping confidential information confidential.
8. Representing the Jewish Community Foundation in the community so as to increase support for the organization's mission.

Legal Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards:

Duty of Care: The duty of care that an ordinary prudent person would exercise in a like position and under similar circumstances.

Duty of Loyalty: The duty of loyalty is a standard of faithfulness; a board member should give undivided allegiance when making decisions affecting the organization.

Duty of Obedience: The duty of obedience requires board members to be faithful to the organization's mission. They are not permitted to act in a way that is inconsistent with the central goals of the organization.