



BOARD GOVERNANCE LEADING PRACTICES OVERVIEW



Strategy

Position every YMCA to be equipped and empowered to achieve organizational excellence through local board leadership by measuring governance practices at the Y association, including strategic planning, board responsibilities, and effectiveness.

Leading Practices

Leading practices are processes, procedures and policies grounded in YMCA and industry best practices that embed continuous improvement and innovation.



Ensure compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements, upholding high ethical standards and transparently conducting business in a way that inspires trust and reinforces the Y's reputation as a community leader.



Faithfully fulfill fiduciary responsibilities to protect organizational assets and ensure alignment with the Y's mission and goals.



Adopt an intentional board development process to ensure that the governing board comprises strong community leaders who can work together effectively and efficiently to strengthen the Y and enhance its impact.



Thoughtfully attend to the hiring, supervision, and evaluation of the Y's CEO to help attract and maintain a dynamic chief executive with the passion, vision, and experience to successfully lead the Y.



Foster a culture of philanthropy that builds community ownership in the Y, strengthens relationships, and produces contributed income to support programs and facilities.



Plan and monitor strategies and goals that advance the Y's cause.



Cultivate relationships with government officials, key community leaders, State/Regional Alliance, and other YMCAs to help bolster the Y's reputation in the community.

Resources

- [Request a Board Assessment](#)
- [Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations of a YMCA Board Video](#) and [Discussion Guide](#)
- [BoardSource Complimentary Membership](#)
- [CEO Performance Toolkit](#)
- [CEO Performance Form](#)
- [Understanding and Managing Bylaws Quick Guide](#)

Trainings

- [BoardSource Certificate of Nonprofit Board Education](#)

Get Involved

- [Association Assemblies](#)
- [Membership Qualifications and Compliance](#)

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For information on Leading Practices visit the [Practice Leadership](#) page.