

From Functional to Extraordinary: How Strong Nonprofit Boards Drive Success

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Three qualities of extraordinary nonprofit boards

Nonprofit boards that truly accelerate impact go beyond the execution of core governance duties—a meaningful achievement in and of itself—in three key ways

Constructive partnership with leadership

- Mutual trust
- Clear expectations
- Shared purpose



Generative strategic thinking

- Proactive engagement on the big questions
- Thought partnership on beneficiary impact—especially for historically marginalized groups

Influence and access

- Active and creative deployment of networks, reputations, and skills

Resources to support nonprofit boards

[From Functional to Extraordinary: How Strong Boards Drive Success](https://bspan.org/ExtraordinaryBoards)

- This article explores how extraordinary nonprofit boards go beyond their core governance duties to serve as trusted partners, strategic accelerators, and influential connectors, helping nonprofit organizations build resilience and momentum in an ever-evolving context.



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