



OnBoard! New Board Member Kit

Welcome to the board! We have collected a select list of online resources that focus on what the new board member needs to know to get a head start on being an effective director. The resources at the top of this page provide an overall board orientation perspective; additional resources by topic are listed as well for those wanting to dive deeper into the fiduciary duties and core oversight responsibilities.

Board Orientation Resources:

[Board Orientation Manual, Fifth Edition](#)

[Board Orientation Online Course](#)

[Board Member Orientation: Preparing New Directors for a Challenging Role](#) (Governance Notes article)

[Board Job Descriptions & Committee Charters, Third Edition](#) (*Elements of Governance*)

[Board Self-Assessment: A Core Responsibility, Second Edition](#) (*Elements of Governance*)

[Healthcare Acronyms & Terms for Boards and Medical Leaders, 10th Edition](#)

Fiduciary Duties:

[Fundamental Fiduciary Duties of the Non-profit Healthcare Director](#) (*Elements of Governance*)

Governance vs. Management:

[Advisors' Corner: A Chronic Condition: Distinguishing Governance from Management](#) (*BoardRoom Press* article)

[Management versus Governance](#) (online video)

Committees:

[Committee Optimization: A Critical Component of World-Class Governance](#) (Webinar)

[Board Committees, Second Edition](#) (*Elements of Governance*)

Quality Oversight:

[Special Section: The Board's Role in Quality and Patient Safety Performance Measurement](#) (*BoardRoom Press* article)

[The Board's Role in Quality, Second Edition](#) (*Elements of Governance*)

Financial Oversight:

[Hospital Accounting and Finance, Fourth Edition](#) (*Elements of Governance*)

Setting Strategic Direction:

[Integrated Strategic Direction Setting and Planning](#) (*Elements of Governance*)

[Making Time for Strategic Discussions](#) (*BoardRoom Press* article)

[“Everybody’s Doing It” Isn’t Enough: Strategy for the Long Haul](#) (Webinar)

Management Oversight:

[CEO Performance Evaluation in the New Healthcare Industry, Third Edition](#) (*Elements of Governance*)

[Succession Planning, Third Edition](#) (*Elements of Governance*)

Community Benefit/Advocacy:

[Community Health, Second Edition](#) (*Elements of Governance*)

[Advocacy & Lobbying](#) (online video)

Board Development/Effectiveness:

[Board Education, Goal Setting, and Work Plans](#) (*Elements of Governance*)

[Governance Development Plan, Second Edition](#) (*Elements of Governance*)

[The Move Toward an Activist Board](#) (E-Briefings article)

[A Paradigm for Effective Governance](#) (Webinar)

System-Specific Governance:

[Transitioning to Effective System Governance](#) (*Elements of Governance*)

[Health System Governance: An Overview of Practical Approaches to Effective Governance](#) (*BoardRoom Press* article)

[Health System Governance: The Board Meeting Agenda](#) (*BoardRoom Press* article)

[Health System Governance: Work of the Board](#) (*BoardRoom Press* article)

[Health System Governance: Board Organization](#) (*BoardRoom Press* article)

[Health System Governance: Monitoring Board Performance](#) (*BoardRoom Press* article)

[System–Subsidiary Board Relations in an Era of Reform: Best Practices in Managing the Evolution to and Maintaining “Systemness”](#) (white paper)