



# EFFECTIVE BOARDS

## SESSION DESCRIPTION

Each board member who makes up your board of directors is responsible for making key decisions that address the organization's mission, strategy, and goals. They aim to address the public's interest through the organization's work and act as the legal voice for the organization. This training helps board members understand their legal responsibilities, governance roles, and how to best support an organization's mission.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Build your foundation as a strong board member and learn to avoid common pitfalls by gaining an understanding of the basic legal duties.
- ✓ Understand the differences between a board of directors, a board member, a working board, and a governing board.
- ✓ Learn about best practices related to how a board governs an organization and contributes to impact in your community.

## SESSION FORMAT

This training offers a combination of presentation and discussion. During the presentation, the consultant engages the board in conversations about what is going well, the challenges they are up against, and the opportunities that exist. We wrap up with plenty of time for questions!

## SPEAKER BIO

Keegan Flaherty's early career working as a social worker gave her a first-hand look at how programs do not meet the needs of marginalized populations. She used this experience as a driver to continue to educate herself about how programs can and should improve to get people the support they want and need. She has dedicated her entire professional career to supporting people and organizations to become more focused, impactful, and sustainable.

Keegan earned her Bachelors in Arts in Communication Studies, her Masters in Social Work from the University of Montana, and a Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion from Cornell. She is a self-professed nonprofit nerd whose expertise comes from diverse experiences as a volunteer, staff member, manager, executive director, consultant, and board member. She has worked with over 50 nonprofits nationwide. She has extensive experience teaching, facilitating meaningful (and sometimes tough) discussions, assessing organizations, driving strategic and operational planning, and helping transition boards from working to governing boards.