

Board of Directors Governing Principles



1. The Board acts on behalf of the public to whom it is morally and legally responsible.
2. The power and authority of the Board only exists when it acts as a whole. As individuals, directors, including the Chair, exercise no power or authority in the organization and therefore cannot act or speak for the Board unless specifically delegated to do so by the Board.
3. The only decisions or positions of the Board are those made by the Board in a legally convened session which may occur through email, Zoom, or other online tools.
4. The Board's job is to guide, direct and oversee the affairs of the organization and maintain an effective relationship with stakeholders.
5. The position of directors and the entity known as the Board exist to operate in the best interests of the organization and those it was established to serve.
6. The work to be done by the Board is determined by its mandate and its purpose (as stated in legislation) acknowledging that the Board of CVSP is a working board with administrative assistance.
7. Directors commit to partnering with each other to engage in actions and decisions that contribute to building and maintaining a healthy and effectively functioning Board and organization.
8. Assessment and evaluation of organizational performance (governing and managing) will be carried out at least every three years.
9. Individual directors do not make decisions or take actions on behalf of the Board unless authorized to do so by the Board.
10. Staff and or contractors are selected by and report to the whole Board and are directed by a designated Board member depending on the task.
11. The Board is responsible for setting and managing its own agenda and has delegated this task to the designated contractor.
12. The Chairperson has no more or less authority and power than other directors.
13. It is the Board's responsibility to identify and request from staff or others the information it requires to enable it to create policies or make informed decisions.