A Dialogue: Governing in a Time of Crisis

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Fuel the effectiveness of nonprofits with guidance, expertise, and capital.
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Objectives for Today’s Session

• Governing in a Crisis
  Ten Actions

• Dialogue and Perspectives

• Q & A

• Resources
Board Member Responsibilities

- Ensure Healthy Governance
- Lead Strategically
- Support & Supervise the Executive Director
- Be an Ambassador
- Ensure Financial Stability
Governing in a Crisis
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1. Keep mission and values at the center

2. Prioritize the health and safety of people
3. Continue governing, but it will be different

4. Engage the Board Chair as key partner
5. Support the CEO/Executive Director

6. Communicate, communicate, communicate
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7. Flex and adapt with board roles and boundaries

8. Activate a finance committee or group
9. Learn and adapt as you go

10. Anticipate a changed future for the organization and the board
Three Modes of Governance

“Governance As Leadership: Reframing the Work of Nonprofit Boards” – Chait, Ryan, & Taylor, 2005
Perspectives on Governing in a Crisis

- Comments and Q&A with Kabo Yang and John Sullivan
- Submit your questions using the Q&A box
Resources for Nonprofit Boards

Propel Nonprofits – www.propelnonprofits.org
  • COVID-19 Resources for Nonprofits
  • Technical Assistance – Governance, Strategy & Finance
  • Questions for Board Members to Ask in a Time of Crisis – Blog post by Mario Hernandez
  • How to Be a Great Board Chair Webinar – April 22nd

BoardSource - https://boardsource.org/
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