1. Determine mission and purpose
   It is the board's responsibility to create and review a statement of mission and purpose that articulates the organization's goals, means, and primary constituents served.

2. Monitor and strengthen programs and services
   The board's responsibility is to determine which programs are consistent with the organization's mission and monitor their effectiveness.

3. Protect assets and provide proper financial oversight
   The board must assist in developing the annual budget and ensuring that proper financial controls are in place.

4. Duty of Loyalty
   Make decisions in the best interest of the nonprofit corporation; not in his or her self-interest.

5. Duty of Obedience
   Ensure that the nonprofit obeys applicable laws and acts in accordance with ethical practices; that the nonprofit adheres to its stated corporate purposes, and that its activities advance its mission.

6. Build a competent board
   All boards have a responsibility to articulate prerequisites for candidates, orientate new members, and periodically and comprehensively evaluate their own performance.

7. Ensure effective planning
   Boards must actively participate in an overall planning process and assist in implementing and monitoring the work plan's goals.

8. Support and evaluate the Executive Director
   The board should ensure that the Executive Director has the moral and professional support he or she needs to further the goals of the organization.

9. Select the Executive Director.
   Boards must reach consensus on the Executive Director’s responsibilities and when required, undertake a careful search to find the most qualified individual for the position.

10. Enhance the organization’s reputation in the community