

Client

Board Member | Statement of Commitment

I, _____, am a member of the Board of Directors of Client. I understand that I have leadership, fiduciary duties of care and loyalty, and other responsibilities in this role. In line with those responsibilities, I confirm the following:

- **I will learn about Client.** I will participate in director education sessions, understand our programs, stay current on our organization and financial position, visit our [program locations] when I can, and spend time with our leadership team.
- **I will prepare and carry out my formal work as a director.** I will review the governance overview and other key governance and operating materials. I'll attend Board and committee meetings. [I'll serve on at least one Board committee.] I'll prepare for those meetings by studying agendas and advance materials. I'll ask for more information if I have questions, participate actively in discussions, stay focused on the people and communities we serve, speak up if I have concerns, notify the Board Chair if I think I may have a conflict of interest in a particular matter, and take responsibility for my action items.
- **I will work to build a diverse and inclusive Board and boardroom.** I will engage with my colleagues and the larger Client community, get to know and interact meaningfully with new members of the Board, and be open-minded to different perspectives and ways of working. I will look outside of my personal networks for potential Board and committee members with diverse backgrounds and experiences. I'll reflect honestly on the Board's culture, composition, and practices, and I'll work to build a more inclusive Board and organization.
- **I will represent and contribute to Client.** I'll represent its values and work to the community and attend as many public events as I can. I'll be available as a discussion partner for management and for my colleagues. I'll try to provide professional expertise when I can and make introductions to possible resources for the organization. I will make a personal financial contribution at a level that is meaningful to me, and will encourage others in my networks to do so as well.
- **I will be responsive and communicative.** I'll notify the Board Chair and the chairs of my committees if I have to miss a meeting or will be unavailable for a period of time. I'll complete Board self-evaluation and other surveys and provide Client with the conflicts disclosure and other information it needs from me for compliance purposes, including the Form 990 tax return. I'll respond promptly to emails and calls from Board members and staff. If I change jobs or occupations, join other nonprofit boards, or believe I'm unable to carry out my responsibilities as a director, I'll notify the Board Chair.

[name], Board member Date: _____

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[name], Board Chair Date: _____

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