



Trustee position overview

The Blandin Foundation Board of Trustees provides strategic leadership and governance to the organization and represents and serves the public trust to ensure that the organization carries out the purposes for which it was established in a legal, ethical, accountable and transparent manner. All responsibility and authority resides with the Board unless otherwise delegated to the President/CEO or other staff members.

Trustee primary responsibilities

- Understand, and support the Blandin Foundation mission, vision, values, strategic goals and governance policies and processes.
- Meet the legal and fiduciary oversight responsibilities of a Trustee.
- Become acquainted with and have basic knowledge of rules and regulations affecting private foundations, their legal basis and function.
- Review and gain understanding of the Foundation's history (including donor intent and the special relationship with local communities), Articles, Bylaws, Board norms and governance policies.
- Regularly attend, and actively participate in, Board, standing and ad-hoc committee meetings, retreats, and educational sessions and other Foundation Board-related meetings and events.
- Review all material in advance of meetings and be well informed on issues.
- Conduct Board work in an ethical manner, follow the Foundation's Conflict of Interest policy, and maintain confidentiality.
- Listen respectfully to all points of view, actively communicate and participate in Board discussions, and work effectively across differences.
- Understand overall organizational structure and issues.
- Maintain appropriate independence from management, and keep President/CEO informed of issues related to the Foundation.
- Appropriately and accurately represent the Foundation to the public.