



Tapestry Folkdance Center Board of Directors Role Description

Tapestry's mission is to create opportunities for participation in the joys of dance and music from around the world. We value community, learning, tradition, stewardship, accessibility and fun!

Role of the Board

The Board of Directors is a central part of Tapestry Folkdance Center, responsible for the overall governance of Tapestry's mission, property, and business affairs. Board members make a commitment to serve Tapestry and the folkdance community.

Specific Board Responsibilities

The Board forms the basic policies for administration, action, and self-governance, and is responsible for hiring, monitoring, and evaluating the performance of the Executive Director. Board members maintain a working knowledge of board policies and ensure compliance with these policies.

The Board maintains the overall quality of services and operations, and sets organizational goals, including the areas of budget, programming, Board development, and staffing. Board members contribute professional experience and expertise to build Tapestry's organizational capabilities to achieve its long-term goals.

Each Board member must be a member of Tapestry Folkdance Center.

Time Commitment and Expectations

The initial term for Tapestry Board members is 3 years. Board membership may be extended for additional time subject to confirmation by the board as a whole.

As is the norm on most non-profit boards, Tapestry Board members are asked to make a "personally significant financial contribution" to Tapestry, whatever that dollar level may be for the individual giver.

Official Board meetings occur on the third Monday of every month from 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. In addition, Board members attend one or two workshops per year, usually held on a Saturday or Sunday. Board members sit on at least one subcommittee, though some board members may undertake a large project instead. Most subcommittees meet quarterly (sometimes more often as needed). Board members can expect to spend an average of 4-8 hours per month on behalf of Tapestry Folkdance Center.

Board service is a way of "giving back" to Tapestry. It also fosters a sense of community, as you engage in planning; stimulating discussions; and hands-on projects with your fellow dancers.