



**Mission:** Ignite an enduring passion for nature that inspires action to ensure a thriving natural world.

## Governance Roles at The Wild Center

### Board of Trustees:

- Exercise fiduciary responsibility over the organization's assets and due diligence to ensure that the organization is well-managed and that its financial condition remains sound.
- Determine and ensure continued focus on the organization's mission and purpose.
- Select and support the Executive Director.
- Establish the strategic framework for the organization and ensure programs and services are aligned with and support its mission.
- Maintain an engaged, well-balanced and focused Board of Trustees.
- Enhance the public standing of the organization and make it a priority for personal philanthropy.

### Board of Trustees have legal obligations that are summarized as:

- Duty of care: Trustees are expected to actively participate in strategic planning, to make sound and informed decisions and to exercise fiduciary responsibility over the organization's assets.
- Duty of loyalty: When acting on behalf of the organization, Trustees must put the interests of the nonprofit before any personal or professional concerns and avoid potential conflicts of interest.
- Duty of obedience: Trustees must ensure that the organization complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and that it remains committed to its mission.

### Emeriti Trustees:

- Appointed in recognition of long and exemplary service to the organization.
- Remain committed to the organization and financially supportive.
- Participate as able in all aspects of the organization including non-voting attendance at board meetings.
- Receive special communications and attend meetings and events designed to continue and deepen engagement.

### **Advisory Board Members:**

- Participate in assignments, programs and events based on a particular expertise or interest.
- Undertake special projects or committee assignments as requested.
- Attend board meetings as available and offer insights and assistance.
- Work to enhance the organization's public standing.
- Contribute financially based on individual capacity to give and represent the organization to potential volunteers, supporters and donors.