



## What It Means to Serve on the Board of Directors

Board service at Starkloff Disability Institute (SDI) is an opportunity to lead with purpose in advancing opportunities and challenging systemic exclusion for people with disabilities.

As a Board Member, you serve as a champion of disability rights, a steward of our mission, and a strategic advisor to the organization's leadership. We welcome individuals of all backgrounds, and we especially value lived disability experience, diverse perspectives, and a deep commitment to equity.

## Core Expectations of Board Members

### Uphold Our Mission and Values

- Demonstrate integrity, accountability, and respect for disability leadership.
- Represent SDI with professionalism and pride in the community.
- Promote disability inclusion and accessibility in all spheres of influence.

### Provide Strategic and Fiduciary Guidance

- Understand and support SDI's strategic goals, financial position, and impact.
- Review and approve organizational budgets, policies, and key decisions.
- Participate actively in quarterly board meetings (virtual or in-person).
- Serve on at least one standing committee (Development, Finance, Nominating/Governance/DEIA).

### Support Fundraising and External Engagement

- Make an annual personally meaningful financial contribution.
- Attend and promote SDI's events and campaigns.
- Open doors by connecting SDI to potential donors, partners, and supporters.
- Share our mission and impact within your networks and on social media

### Stay Engaged and Bring Your Expertise

- Review regular organizational updates and financial reports.
- Maintain open communication with the Board Chair and SDI staff.
- Contribute your professional skills, lived experience, and leadership to help SDI grow and innovate.

**Board service at SDI is about more than governance—it's about movement-building.**

If you're ready to lead with purpose and help create a more inclusive world, we welcome your interest and nomination.

**Next steps:** Please [submit your nomination through this form](#).