**PURPOSE**

The Board is responsible for the quality of its own governance therefore it will

- ensure that directors are provided with the knowledge to make informed decisions on behalf of PWRDF
- provide directors with the tools necessary to contribute fully at all Board meetings

**APPLICATION**

This policy applies to all directors of PWRDF.

**POLICY**

- Comprehensive mandatory orientation will be provided to all new directors, including but not limited to information about:
  - Board governance
  - Organizational operations
  - Staff/volunteer key relationships
  - Key stakeholders and external relations
  - Current organizational context
  - Applicable CRA regulations

- Education sessions on both governance and implementation will regularly be part of Board meetings
- Through regular meeting evaluation, areas of needed education will be identified and provided at succeeding meetings
- Experienced directors will provide a mentoring role to new directors
- Directors will be made aware of relevant, external learning opportunities
- Finances will be budgeted to allow directors to participate in external learning opportunities, including but not limited to partner visits when available

**AMENDMENT**

This policy may be amended by the PWRDF Board.