

# Becoming an Effective Board Member: A Guide to Roles & Responsibilities

**May 14, 2024**

# Agenda!

- Setting the Framework
- Panelists
  - **Flor Diaz Smith**, Washington Central UUSD
  - **Gaston Bathalon**, Troy School District (North Country Supervisory (NCSU))
  - **Nicole Mace**, Winooski School District
- Q&A



# Seeing the forest for the trees





# A view from the balcony



# Essential Work of VT School Boards Book & Toolkit

Introduction to School Board Service

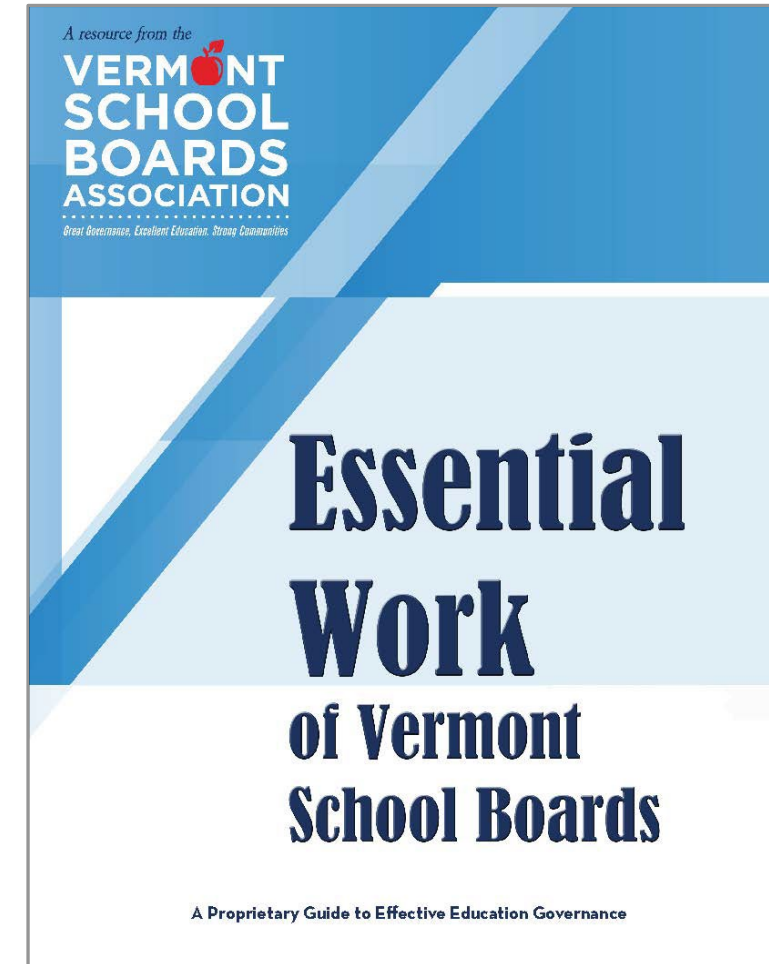
Educational Equity

Effective Education Governance

Effective Board Operations

Common Board Challenges

Additional Support



# Essential Work of School Boards: 6 Pillars



Engage the Community  
& Establish a Vision



Develop a Budget &  
Assure Financial Oversight



Adopt Policy



Monitor Progress



Board & Superintendent  
Partnership



Effective & Ethical  
Operations

# OUR PANEL



**Flor Diaz Smith**, Member of Washington Central Unified Union SD

**Gaston Bathalon**, Troy School District, North Country SU

**Nicole Mace**, Winooski School District



# Questions for Panelists

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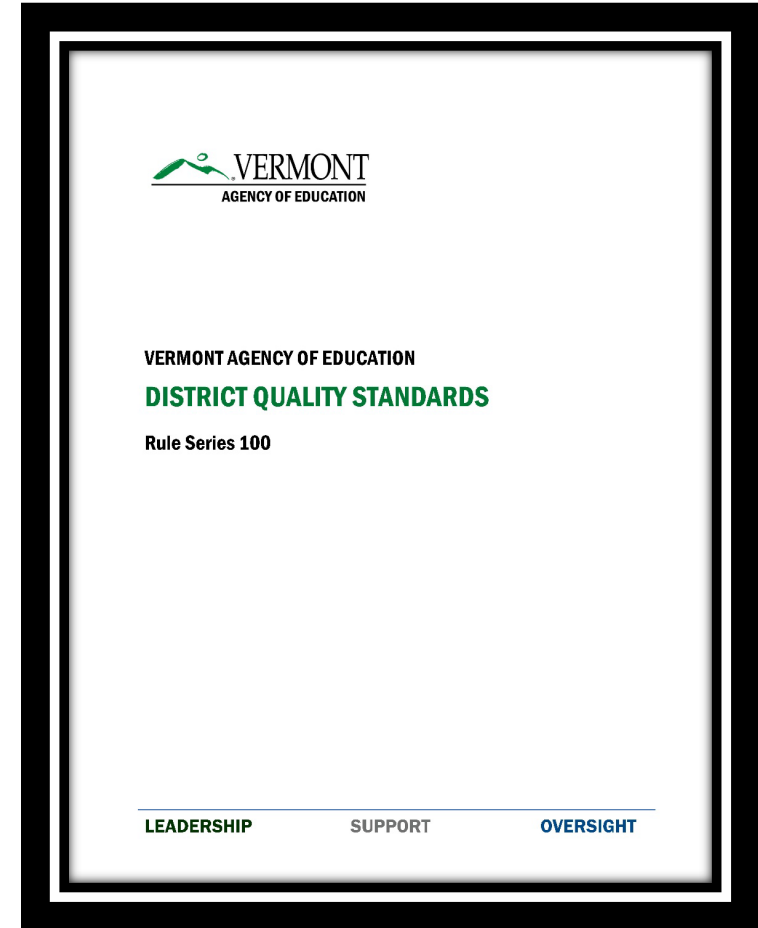
1. Knowing the board's focus is on governance, what does that look like in practice for some of the 6 pillars?
2. How do you as a board member maintain that focus on governance without migrating into operations and management?
3. What are some tools that your board uses to help with this "staying in your lane"?
4. The new governance standards in DQS: how will these help boards become more effective?



# District Quality Standards

- 111 Business Operations
- 112 Facilities Management & Safety
- 113 Governance (pp. 6-8)**
  - 113.1 Priorities**
  - 113.2 Protocols**
  - 113.3 Processes**

These rules will take effect on **July 1, 2025.**



# Questions?

# June's Webinar

## DISTRICT QUALITY STANDARDS/GOVERNANCE STANDARDS: AN UPDATE

**Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 12:00 Noon**