

Governing with Integrity: Why Board Independence Matters Now More Than Ever

Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

AGB ASSOCIATION OF
GOVERNING BOARDS
OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Speakers



Carlton Brown

- AGB consultant and senior fellow



Barbara Gellman-Danley

- President, Higher Learning



Richard D. Legon

- Former AGB president; AGB consultant and senior fellow

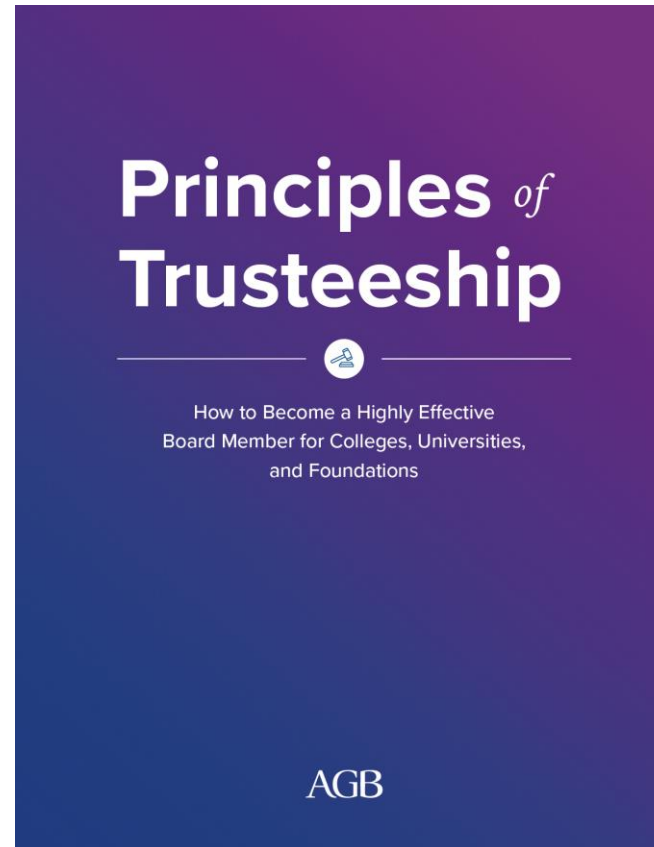
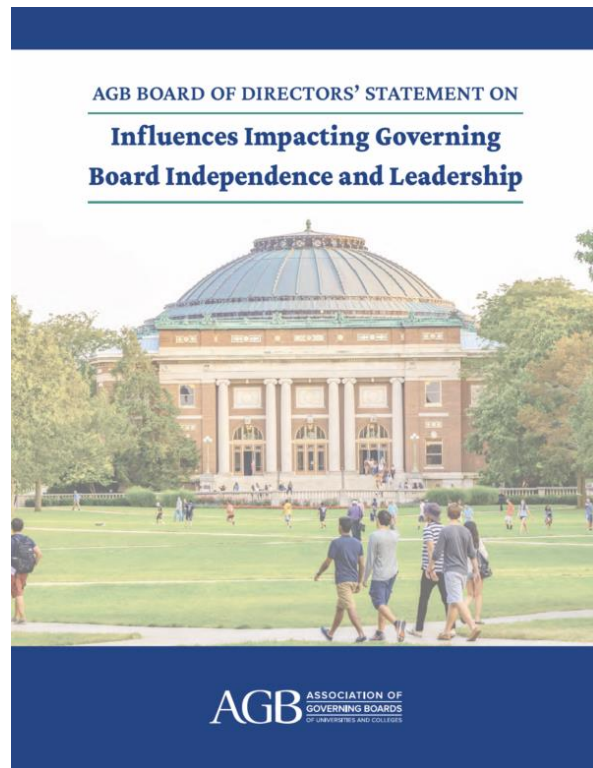
Govern NOW

- The Govern NOW initiative was created to raise awareness and provide actionable tools that empower fiduciary boards in upholding autonomy and safeguarding academic freedom and free speech—ensuring the quality and integrity of American higher education.
 - [Learn more](#)
 - [Toolkit: Models of Governance in Higher Education: AGB Principles vs. Ideologically Driven Initiatives](#)



Secure Higher Education's Promise

AGB Publications



Additional AGB Resources

Podcasts:

- [Trusteeship Podcast Episode 41: Board Independence Under Fire, Part I](#)
- [Trusteeship Podcast Episode 42: Board Independence Under Fire, Part II](#)
- [Trusteeship Podcast Episode 53: Board Independence and Neutrality](#)
- [Higher Education at a Constitutional Crossroads](#)

FAQs:

- [Board Independence and Leadership](#)
- [Institutional Neutrality or Engagement? Definitions and Process Considerations](#)



Institute for Board Chairs and
Presidents of Independent
Colleges and Universities

January 9-11, 2026
Clearwater Beach Marriott Resort
on Sand Key | Clearwater, FL

LEARN MORE



AGB Upcoming Events

- [Foundation Leadership Forum](#)
 - February 1-3, 2026
 - Hilton San Diego Bayfront
- [Board Professionals Conference](#)
 - March 26-28, 2026
 - Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center
- [National Conference on Trusteeship](#)
 - March 28-30, 2026
 - Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center
- [Institutes](#)