



THREE AVAILABLE DATES

11 AUG | 12 AUG | 13 AUG

INTRO TO GOVERNANCE IN LESNW & LEVNT

with Jane Mueller, Governance Leadership Director
Round 2, 2025

Each board is responsible for providing a thorough induction for new board members. This information session complements and reaffirms the induction that takes place within the local learning community.

This information session also serves as a 'governance refresher' for those who are already engaged with governance in a Lutheran learning community.

What have previous participants said? See overleaf.

This free two-hour session is available on three occasions. Participants need register for one date only. A Teams link will be provided upon registration.

Register [here](#) by Thursday 7 August 2025.

Registration queries: [Larissa Paynter](#)

Content queries: [Jane Mueller](#)



For those who:

- are new to a LESNW or LEVNT board
- are not new to a board, but are seeking a 'governance refresher'
- attend board meetings in an ex-officio capacity
- would like to meet and engage with others who serve on LESNW and LEVNT boards
- are curious

The session will cover:

- what governance is and what it isn't
- governance standards, principles, mindsets and behaviours
- what makes an effective board member
- common boardroom mistakes
- the importance of local context and knowledge
- the structural relationship between learning communities and other Lutheran entities
- avenues for future self-guided learning

DATES

11 August 2025

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TIMES

5:00pm – 7:00pm AWST

6:30pm – 8:30pm ACST

7:00pm – 9:00pm AEST

FORMAT

Online (MS Teams)

WHAT HAVE PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS SAID?

'GREY AREAS, AND BLACK AND WHITE AREAS'

I found the content very relevant. I liked the way comments and questions were invited from the audience to make the session more collaborative. There was the appropriate balance between conversation and consideration of the grey areas of being a director and the more black and white protocols that just need to be understood. I can recommend the session to anyone who is a new director or considering becoming a director.

Scott Ross | Board Member
Tatachilla Lutheran College

'KNOWLEDGE AND ENLIGHTENMENT'

Even though the target audience for the session was new board members, as a Board Chair, I found that there were topics I had little or no knowledge of. The input from other participants and the facilitator was a wealth of extended knowledge and enlightenment. I would recommend these sessions to all board members and chairs – new and those already serving.

Garry Wallace | Chair
Trinity Lutheran College

'MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION'

I was joined by two new board members and two relatively new members, making the *Intro to Governance* session a valuable opportunity for collective learning. The session was a fantastic refresher on key governance principles, covering important topics such as conflict of interest, board member duties, the attributes of an effective director, confidentiality, and *Growing Deep*, among others. The format allowed for meaningful discussion both within our group and with the broader online participants, enhancing our understanding through shared insights. A highlight was the Q&A session at the end, which provided a great opportunity to learn from the experiences and perspectives of others. Overall, the session was engaging, informative, and an excellent foundation for both new and experienced board members.

Elise Pocknee-Clem | Chair | Navigator College

'COMPLIMENTARY, BUT DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT'

I found the *Intro to Governance* session to be very helpful in moving my perspective from a principal's operational role on the board to a director's governance role. The roles are complementary, but distinctly different! This session is really comprehensive and would be great professional development for all board members, not just those starting out on the board.

Anne Marschall | Board Member
Lobethal Lutheran School

'RESPECTING THE AUDIENCE'S CHALLENGES'

As one who is new to the role of governance, as well as a lifelong learner, this webinar is a key requirement for both education and information. *Intro to Governance* sets out all the aspects and processes which one needs to be an effective board member. It clearly stipulates the roles and responsibilities as well as guiding questions for decision making processes and systems. The facilitator is a confident, professional presenter who respects her audience's challenges.

She easily engages her audience and answers questions with relevant explanations. I am especially appreciative of the key questions given to us, to help guide our decision-making on our respective boards.

Anne Holt | Board Member
Living Waters Lutheran College