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Gulf Coast Board Institute
Spring 2027 Overview

The *Gulf Coast Board Institute* provides high-level board governance training to active nonprofit board members in the Gulf Coast region.

Each session of the *Gulf Coast Board Institute* welcomes individuals who participate in four interactive training experiences over a four-week period.

Through the *Gulf Coast Board Institute,* participants are provided with a comprehensive overview of governance issues as well as in-depth exploration of key governance topics.

All components of the *Gulf Coast Board Institute* are provided at no cost to participants.

The following topics are covered over the course of the *Gulf Coast Board Institute* sessions:

- The basics of nonprofit board governance
- Becoming an ambassador for your organization
- Financial and legal oversight responsibilities
- Fundraising and resource development
- Board / Chief Executive Partnership
- Creating a diverse, highly functioning and engaged board

Selection Process

Participants will be selected through a competitive process with the intent of creating a group of individuals with a variety of experiences.

Regardless of prior board experience, all participants should possess a personal commitment to use what they learn through the *Gulf Coast Board Institute* to strengthen the governance capacity of a nonprofit organization in the Gulf Coast region.

Spring 2027 Class Schedule

Gulf Coast Board Institute will meet as outlined in the following table, and all sessions will take place at the **Sarasota Philanthropy Center located at 1549 State Street Sarasota, FL 34236**.

Selected individuals are required to participate fully in all Institute sessions.

Session Dates and Time	Session Content
Friday, February 5, 2027 **Friday, February 12, 2027** **Friday, February 19, 2027** **Friday, February 26, 2027** **8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** **Optional breakfast** **9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **Board Institute convenes**	***Topics Covered*** *Fundamentals of Nonprofit Governance* *The Board's Role in Financial Oversight* *Board / Chief Executive Partnership* *Ensuring Necessary Resources: Fundraising* *Board Building Cycle* *Leading with Purpose* *Promising Practices in Board Operations and Structure*

Application Timeline

Applications are accessible through Gulf Coast's website at GulfCoastCF.org.

Monday, November 9, 2026	**Applications Open**
Monday, December 28, 2026	**Application deadline**
Monday, January 11, 2027	**Applicant notification**

If you have any additional questions about *Gulf Coast Board Institute*, please email us at i3@gulfcoastcf.org.