Governance for Startup Boards Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Corporate Governance	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the principles and frameworks of effective corporate governance for startups.
2. Analyze the roles, responsibilities, and fiduciary duties of board members.
3. Explore legal, ethical, and regulatory compliance in startup operations.
4. Develop strategies for risk management and internal controls.
5. Enhance decision-making processes for sustainable growth.
6. Learn effective board communication and stakeholder engagement techniques.
7. Implement performance monitoring and evaluation frameworks for boards.
8. Identify best practices in startup financing and investor relations.
9. Apply corporate governance models to emerging startup trends.
10. Improve transparency and accountability within startup organizations.
11. Assess board composition and diversity for strategic advantage.
12. Integrate technology solutions for governance efficiency.
13. Evaluate real-world case studies to reinforce governance knowledge.

Organizational Benefits

- Strengthened governance frameworks for startups
- Improved investor confidence and relations
- Enhanced decision-making and strategic oversight
- Reduced compliance and legal risks
- Increased board accountability and performance
- Clearer role definitions and responsibilities
- Enhanced stakeholder trust and engagement
- Optimized internal control systems
- Improved risk management strategies
- Adoption of innovative governance tools

Target Audiences

1. Startup founders and co-founders
2. Board members and advisory board participants
3. C-level executives (CEO, CFO, COO)
4. Venture capital investors and angel investors
5. Startup consultants and governance advisors
6. Legal and compliance officers
7. Growth-stage startup managers
8. Business development and strategy leads

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Startup Governance

- Understanding corporate governance principles
- Overview of board structures and responsibilities
- Key legal and regulatory requirements
- Governance challenges in startups
- Case study: Governance failures in early-stage startups
- Practical exercise: Designing a board charter

Module 2: Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members

- Fiduciary duties and accountability
- Decision-making authority and limitations
- Board member expectations and obligations
- Board vs. management responsibilities
- Real-world case study: Board disputes and resolutions
- Interactive discussion: Role-playing board scenarios

Module 3: Legal and Regulatory Compliance

- Startup-specific compliance frameworks
- Corporate law and statutory requirements
- Reporting obligations for investors and regulators
- Governance risk assessment
- Case study: Compliance breaches and consequences
- Practical checklist development

Module 4: Risk Management and Internal Controls

- Identifying key business risks
- Risk monitoring and reporting systems
- Internal controls for startups
- Crisis management planning
- Case study: Risk mitigation success stories
- Workshop: Developing a risk management framework

Module 5: Performance Monitoring and Evaluation

- Key performance indicators (KPIs) for boards
- Board self-assessment tools

- Evaluating executive performance
- Strategic review processes
- Case study: Metrics-driven governance improvements
- Group activity: Designing evaluation dashboards

Module 6: Board Communication and Stakeholder Engagement

- Effective communication strategies
- Reporting to investors and stakeholders
- Conflict resolution and negotiation skills
- Transparency in decision-making
- Case study: Investor engagement best practices
- Practical exercise: Crafting board communication plans

Module 7: Investor Relations and Startup Financing

- Understanding investor expectations
- Funding stages and board involvement
- Equity management and shareholder agreements
- Negotiation strategies for financing rounds
- Case study: Board-led fundraising successes
- Simulation: Investor pitch review and feedback

Module 8: Technology, Tools, and Innovation in Governance

- Digital solutions for board management
- Board portals and virtual meeting platforms
- Data-driven governance decisions
- Emerging trends in governance technology
- Case study: Tech-enabled board efficiency
- Hands-on demo: Governance software applications

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and discussions
- Case study analysis and practical exercises
- Role-playing and scenario-based learning
- Group workshops and brainstorming sessions
- Simulation exercises for investor relations and board meetings
- Peer reviews and feedback sessions

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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