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**CNE ANNOUNCES REVAMPED BOARD ACADEMY TO PROMOTE EQUITY,
COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Service-oriented community members eager to strengthen the local social impact sector and build community are invited to apply to CNE's 2023 Board Academy, with applications open from now through October 31, 2022 (www.thecne.org/board-academy-application). The Board Academy prepares community members for board and committee service in nonprofits, municipal government, and community organizations, furthering the community's capacity to effectively meet future challenges by creating an ever-expanding web of trained, committed board members.

While the Board Academy has been part of CNE's programming since 2008, the program has been reenvisioned during the past year to put more focus on diversity, equity and inclusion and to provide a richer, more engaging experience that will prepare participants to be effective and productive nonprofit board members.

"We strongly believe that diversity of experience contributes to strong board leadership and that effective, well-functioning boards are essential in creating a thriving social impact sector," said CNE Executive Director Cristine Nardi. "We actively encourage anyone interested in building an equitable and just community to consider applying for Board Academy."

Board Academy is tailored both to those new to board service as well as more experienced board members, with a specific focus on younger emerging leaders and those from historically underrepresented communities.

"Board Academy will make participants more effective board members through gaining a strong understanding of board governance, honing their collaborative skills, and preparing them to redress the systemic inequities ingrained in nonprofit organizations and institutions," said Brian Ullman, CNE Senior Manager of Learning and Impact.

Board Academy 2023 will take place from late January to early June with two full day workshops (opening and closing) and 11 other evening 2-hour sessions (roughly 3 per month, February to May). Between meetings, participants will complete assigned readings and activities and advance an individual, capstone project.



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Visit the CNE Board Academy website (www.thezne.org/learn/governance-matters/board-academy) for more details, or contact Brian T. Ullman at btullman@thezne.org or 434-951-9044.

About CNE

Center for Nonprofit Excellence (CNE) envisions equitable, thriving, and just communities powered by healthy nonprofits. To achieve this, we serve as a champion, learning partner, and advisor to our members and community organizations across Virginia so they can be positive, powerful agents for community change. We help social impact organizations build the foundations of strong leadership, effective governance, and skilled, motivated, and inspired staff. With over 350 nonprofit members and robust partnerships with regional funders across the state, CNE has built a diverse, progressive, dynamic community of practice.