

A DEFINITION OF THE TERM “GOVERNANCE”

- One definition of the term "Governance" – there is no universally accepted definition.
 - As with any effort at a broad definition, you also must drill down into the actual facts and details, such as how a specific person or group acts or does not act in a specific situation, or a charter.
 - Although “Governance” is incredibly important, detailed discussion still remains insufficient.
 - **The definition: Governance** =
 1. The facts, actions and tasks;
 2. Relating to authority and exercise of authority, duties, responsibilities, rights, and conflicts, leadership, trustworthiness, integrity, decision-making, expertise, accountability, demeanor, communications, ethics, compliance, transparency, manner of debate or fallacies, and openness to views, question or challenge;
 3. And related processes, style and optics (including discourse, and go-it-alone v. more inclusive).
 4. Be mindful of authority, duties, standards of care, diligence and conduct that apply by law, charter, etc.
 - Three additional comments:
 - Governance can be situational – it can depend on the particular actual facts at hand.
 - Governance and governance style and processes can change, improve, or decline from time to time, and situation to situation – thus, governance can improve, and be learned.
 - Governance can be evaluated as applicable to a specific person, group, organization, or entity – but the governance that actually occurs does so because of the actual facts and the actions or inactions of the specific, identifiable and identified person or people.
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