

You're reading this exactly right: there *is* a clear legal answer to “*what is the function of the Board?*” for KvK Bonaire.

1. What the law says about the Board

In the *Wet op de Kamers van Koophandel en Nijverheid BES* (the Chamber law for the BES islands), the Board is defined as:

“Het bestuur van de Kamer van Koophandel is het besluitvormingsorgaan en zorgt voor de uitvoering van de taken van de Kamer.” [More information \(Dutch\)](#)

In English:

The Board of the Chamber of Commerce is the decision-making body and is responsible for the execution of the Chamber's tasks.

So legally, the **Board = the governing / decision-making organ** of the KvK.

2. What are “the tasks of the Chamber” that the Board must ensure?

The tasks of the Kamer van Koophandel en Nijverheid Bonaire are laid down in the law and explained by RCN and KvK themselves: [Officiële Bekendmakingen wijzigingswet \(Dutch\)](#)

Key statutory tasks include:

- **Managing the trade register** of Bonaire (all businesses and legal entities).
- **Representing the interests** of trade, industry, services, etc., in Caribisch Nederland.
- **Stimulating economic development** on the island.
- **Informing and advising entrepreneurs** about starting and running a business (legal & economic information).
- **Advising government** (local and national) on economic and entrepreneurship issues, asked and unasked.

On the KvK Bonaire “Over de KvK” page, they summarise it as: managing the register, informing/advising government on economic development, and **representing all businesses on the island**, with the board of 5 people and staff “translating the legal tasks into the daily challenges on Bonaire.” [KvK Bonaire](#)

3. So, concretely, what does the Board *do*?

Putting it all together, the **function of the Board of Directors of KvK Bonaire** is roughly:

1. **Governing & decision-making**

- Sets the **overall direction and policy** of the Chamber within the legal framework.
- Decides how the statutory tasks (register, support, advising government, economic development) are carried out in practice.

2. **Ensuring execution of tasks**

- Oversees that the trade register is properly managed
- that entrepreneurs are informed and supported, and
- that the Chamber actively represents business interests.
 - Translates legal duties into **practical services and projects** for entrepreneurs.

3. **Supervision & accountability**

- Supervises the **director/secretary** and the organization.
- Approves **budget, annual plan and annual accounts**, and ensures proper financial management and transparency (as required in the law and explanatory notes). [Additional information Chamber \(Dutch\)](#)

4. **Representation & liaison**

- Acts as the **public and strategic face** of the Chamber towards:
 - Entrepreneurs and branch organizations,
 - The Public Entity Bonaire (OLB),
 - The Dutch government / Ministry of EZK.

4. How you can use this in your campaign

When you talk to entrepreneurs, you can frame it like this (short version):

“The Board is the brain and backbone of the Chamber. It decides how the Chamber supports entrepreneurs, how it represents our interests, and how it helps shape economic policy on Bonaire. As a board member, I will make sure those decisions are made with entrepreneurs at the center.”

★ Profile of a Chamber of Commerce Board Member

The Brain and Backbone of the Chamber

A Board Member of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry Bonaire is someone who:

1. Represents All Entrepreneurs

- Understands the needs of small, medium, and large businesses
- Listens actively to different sectors
- Stands for fair treatment and equal opportunity for all entrepreneurs
- Builds unity across Bonaire's diverse business community

2. Thinks Strategically and Acts Practically

- Sees the “bigger picture,” but also knows how to take action
- Helps the Chamber set a clear direction
- Makes decisions based on facts, experience, and the real needs of entrepreneurs
- Looks ahead — considering the future economy, technology, and digital trends

3. Provides Honest and Independent Leadership

- Works with integrity and transparency
- Is not driven by personal gain or special interests
- Is trusted by the business community
- Safeguards the Chamber's reputation

4. Strengthens the Chamber's Core Tasks

A strong Board Member ensures the Chamber can:

- Maintain a clean, reliable, and well-managed business register
- Give government sound advice to support economic growth
- Provide hands-on support that helps entrepreneurs solve real problems
- Foster a business environment where companies can thrive

5. Understands Governance and Responsibility

- Knows that the Board is the **decision-making body** of the Chamber
- Accepts responsibility for budgets, policy, and long-term strategy
- Works constructively with the Director and Chamber staff
- Respects confidentiality and follows legal requirements

6. Leads with Vision — Especially Toward the Future

A modern Board Member:

- Understands digitalization, automation, and the impact of AI
- Helps prepare Bonaire's entrepreneurs for a fast-changing economy
- Supports innovation and learning
- Encourages a Chamber that moves forward, not backward

7. Communicates Clearly and Builds Bridges

- Explains decisions in simple, clear language
- Is accessible and open to feedback
- Builds partnerships with businesses, government, financial institutions, and community groups

★ In Simple Terms — The Ideal Board Member Is:

A listener.

A thinker.

A problem-solver.

A bridge-builder.

A leader who puts entrepreneurs first.