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Fiduciary AI Scorecard™

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*"Can we defend our AI governance
to regulators, shareholders, and courts?"*

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Executive Summary

The NEUBoard Fiduciary AI Scorecard is a board-ready assessment framework designed to answer one critical question: "Can we defend our AI governance to regulators, shareholders, and courts?"

Unlike technical AI governance tools built for CISOs — OneTrust, Credo AI, IBM watsonx.governance — this Scorecard is designed for the boardroom. It translates complex AI risk into the language of fiduciary duty: exposure, defensibility, and strategic alignment.

T H E M A R K E T G A P

Technical Tools (For CISOs)	This Scorecard (For Boards)
Model drift metrics	Strategic exposure mapping
Compliance checklists	Legal defensibility assessment
Data lineage tracking	Fiduciary readiness score
100-page technical reports	1-page executive summary

F R A M E W O R K A T A G L A N C E

Pillar	Core Question	What It Measures
1. Strategic Exposure	Where is AI creating liability?	AI footprint, decision criticality, vendor dependency
2. Governance Maturity	Do we have oversight structures?	Accountability, policies, escalation, board literacy
3. Regulatory Defensibility	Can we demonstrate due diligence?	Compliance, documentation, litigation readiness
4. Value Realization	Is our AI investment justified?	ROI clarity, spend visibility, stranded asset risk
5. Operational Resilience	What happens when AI fails?	Failure modes, fallbacks, incident response

W H Y T H I S M A T T E R S N O W

The EU AI Act is live. The SEC is watching. The first company that cannot explain its AI governance to a regulator becomes the case study every other board learns from.

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Strategic Exposure Index

Core Question: "Where is AI creating value — and where is it creating liability?"

Dimension	What It Measures	Board Question
AI Footprint	Where AI is deployed across the organization	Do we know everywhere AI is being used?
Decision Criticality	Which AI systems influence material decisions	Which AI affects revenue, compliance, or reputation?
Dependency Risk	Reliance on specific vendors, models, or data sources	What if a key vendor changes terms or pricing?
Shadow AI	Unauthorized AI usage by employees	Are employees using public AI tools with company data?

1–3 Low Exposure AI footprint mapped, dependencies diversified	4–6 Moderate Partial visibility, some systems unmonitored	7–10 High Exposure No inventory, shadow AI prevalent
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Governance Maturity Score

Core Question: "Do we have the structures to oversee AI responsibly?"

Dimension	What It Measures	Board Question
Accountability Structure	Clear ownership for AI decisions at executive level	Who is accountable when AI fails?
Policy Framework	Documented AI use policies and ethical guidelines	Do we have an AI policy employees can follow?
Oversight Cadence	Regular board or committee review of AI initiatives	How often does the board review AI risk?
Escalation Protocols	Clear paths for AI incidents to reach leadership	Would we know within 24 hours if AI caused harm?
Cognitive Diversity & Literacy	Board's collective ability to interpret and challenge AI decisions	Can we challenge the CEO's AI roadmap?

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Regulatory & Legal Defensibility

Core Question: "Can we demonstrate due diligence if challenged?"

Dimension	What It Measures	Board Question
Regulatory Alignment	EU AI Act, US state laws, sector-specific rules	Are we compliant with applicable AI regulations?
Documentation Quality	Audit trails, decision logs, model cards	Can we reconstruct why AI made specific decisions?
Third-Party Risk	Vendor due diligence, AI-specific contract terms	Are vendors contractually liable for AI failures?
Litigation Readiness	Ability to defend AI decisions in a legal context	Could we explain our AI decisions to a jury?

1–3 Defensible Documented compliance posture, audit-ready	4–6 Developing Partial documentation, vendor gaps	7–10 Exposed No audit trail, no AI-specific contracts
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K E Y R E G U L A T O R Y L A N D S C A P E

Regulation / Framework	Jurisdiction	Board Relevance
EU AI Act	European Union	High-risk AI systems require mandatory conformity assessments
SEC AI Guidance	United States	Disclosure obligations for material AI-related risks
NIST AI RMF	United States	Voluntary risk management framework; increasingly cited in litigation
State AI Laws	CA, CO, TX & others	Sector-specific algorithmic accountability requirements

T H E D E F E N S I B I L I T Y T E S T

Five questions every board should answer: (1) Do you have an AI use policy? (2) Can you produce decision audit trails? (3) Have you conducted AI impact assessments? (4) Do vendor contracts include AI-specific liability terms? (5) Could you explain your AI governance to a regulator in plain language?

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Value Realization & ROI Clarity

Core Question: "Is our AI investment generating defensible returns?"

Dimension	What It Measures	Board Question
Investment Visibility	Clear accounting of total AI spend across the org	How much are we actually spending on AI?
ROI Attribution	Measurable outcomes tied to AI initiatives	Can we prove AI is delivering value?
Opportunity Cost	Comparison to alternative capital allocation	Should we be investing here vs. elsewhere?
Stranded Asset Risk	Likelihood of current AI investments becoming obsolete	Will this AI still be relevant in 3 years?

1–3 Clear ROI Tracked spend, measured outcomes, positive attribution	4–6 Uncertain Spend known but outcomes not yet measured	7–10 No Visibility Unknown spend, no outcome measurement
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Operational Resilience

Core Question: "What happens when AI fails?"

Dimension	What It Measures	Board Question
Failure Mode Mapping	Understanding of how AI systems can fail	Do we know how our AI could break?
Fallback Procedures	Manual alternatives when AI is unavailable	Can we operate if AI goes down?
Incident Response	Playbooks for AI-related incidents	Do we have an AI incident response plan?
Recovery Time	Speed to restore operations after AI failure	How long until we are operational again?

1–3 Resilient Failure modes documented, fallbacks tested	4–6 Partial Some fallbacks; incident response untested	7–10 Fragile No failure planning, single points of failure
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SCORING

The Composite Fiduciary Score

Each pillar is scored 1–10 (1 = best) and weighted to produce a single composite score communicating overall AI fiduciary readiness.

Pillar	Weight	Your Score (1–10)	Weighted Score
Strategic Exposure	25%	_____	_____
Governance Maturity	25%	_____	_____
Regulatory Defensibility	20%	_____	_____
Value Realization	15%	_____	_____
Operational Resilience	15%	_____	_____
COMPOSITE FIDUCIARY SCORE	100%	—	___ / 10

READINESS TIERS

Fiduciary Readiness Tiers

Score	Tier	Board Interpretation
1–3	Fiduciary Ready	"We can defend our AI governance to any stakeholder."
4–5	Fiduciary Developing	"We have gaps, but a clear path to close them."
6–7	Fiduciary At-Risk	"We have material exposure requiring immediate attention."
8–10	Fiduciary Unprepared	"We cannot defend our AI governance if challenged."

WHAT THE SCORE UNLOCKS

A Composite Score above 5 signals material fiduciary exposure. NEUBoard converts that score into a prioritized 90-day remediation roadmap — directly actionable for the board's next meeting.

HOW WE WORK TOGETHER

The NEUBoard Engagement Model

Three entry points — from a board briefing to ongoing fiduciary oversight. Most clients start with Tier 3 and convert to Tier 1 within a quarter.

TIER 1 — FLAGSHIP

Fiduciary Readiness Assessment

One-time engagement | \$25,000

- Full Scorecard assessment across all 5 pillars
- Executive interviews: CEO, CTO, CISO, General Counsel
- Board-ready presentation with prioritized recommendations
- 90-day remediation roadmap
- Deliverables: Fiduciary AI Scorecard report, executive summary for board distribution, prioritized action plan

TIER 2 — ONGOING

Quarterly AI Risk Review

Annual retainer | \$50,000/year

- Quarterly Scorecard refresh and trend analysis
- Regulatory update briefings: EU AI Act, state laws, SEC guidance
- Board meeting preparation support
- On-call advisory (8 hours/quarter)
- Deliverables: Quarterly Scorecard updates, regulatory change alerts, board presentation materials

TIER 3 — ENTRY POINT

Board AI Briefing

Half-day workshop | \$15,000

- 3-hour interactive session with the full board
- AI landscape overview: opportunities and fiduciary risks
- Fiduciary obligations explained in plain language
- Deliverables: Pre-read materials, session recording for absent directors, summary memo with action items

C R E D E N T I A L S

Why NEUBoard / AI Guru

Most AI advisors are either technical experts who cannot translate risk to the boardroom, or strategy consultants who don't understand the technology. Ritesh Vajariya bridges both worlds.

Credentia l	Why It Matters
Led the AWS team that partnered with Bloomberg to build BloombergGPT	Built one of the most sophisticated enterprise LLMs in production
AWS Principal — scaled GenAI from ~\$40M to \$700M+ in revenue	Understands enterprise AI economics at scale
Global Head of GenAI Strategy, Cerebras Systems	Deep infrastructure, compute, and frontier model expertise
90,000+ professionals trained across 20+ countries	Proven ability to translate technical complexity for any audience
Live AI products in production: MillMind™, Course Autopsy, AI OPSY	Active builder — advises from experience deploying real systems

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Getting Started

Step	Action	Detail
1	Discovery Call (30 min)	Understand your current AI posture and primary exposure areas
2	Scope Alignment	Customize the Scorecard to your industry and regulatory context
3	Assessment (2–3 weeks)	Executive interviews and data gathering across all 5 pillars
4	Board Presentation	Deliver findings directly to the board with a 90-day remediation roadmap

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