

12 BEST PRACTICES OF NONPROFIT BOARDS



Here are 12 best practices for nonprofit governing boards—and those who practice them—give them their constant in-depth attention!

MEMBERSHIP

1. Boards are passionately **mission focused**
2. Boards are right-sized with quality **members and relationships**

GOVERNANCE

3. Boards understand and are effective at **governance**
4. Boards and their members are clear about their **roles and responsibilities**

LEADERSHIP

5. Boards **supervise only the CEO**
6. Boards have an effective **CEO-Board Chair partnership**

DECISIONS

7. Boards **focus on policy**, and thereby speak with one voice
8. Boards function with clear **processes for meetings**
9. Boards give attention to **the future, end results, and big issues**
10. Boards exercise **fiduciary responsibilities** for assets, income and expenses

SUSTAINABILITY

11. Boards govern with a fluid and concise **“Board Policy Manual”**
12. Boards have an active year round **board development committee**