



Tip Sheet *Board Governance*

How to Use This Document

This is an accumulation of best practices and ideas that we have found helpful when working with board members. Use this tip sheet as a starting point and customize it to your organization's cause and values.



Tip Sheet

Board Governance

- Create a stimulating environment for board conversations. Encourage curiosity and questions.
- Make time to get to know each other to create a safe space and a sense of shared experience.
- Listen to each other. Ask questions to understand various another's perspectives. Make sure you call on all voices around the table before making a decision.
- Give yourselves homework. Assign research or reading before making a decision to encourage deeper thought and reflection.
- Spend time getting to know the organization beyond the basics. Ask for more time with program staff or even clients to understand the impact of the work you do.