

A Dozen Questions About Board Oversight



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Nonprofit boards need to adhere to a few best practices to be sure they are functioning at their highest potential. Does your board of directors meet most of these qualifications?

Answer these questions Y (YES), N (NO) or DK (DON'T KNOW).

- Can you recite the mission of the nonprofit?
- Did the board review the IRS Form 990 before it was submitted?
- Is there a strategic plan with an action plan to monitor progress?
- Are there job descriptions for board officers and committees?
- Has the board or a board committee reviewed the bylaws in the last two years?
- Does the board regularly assess its performance?
- Does the CEO/ED have an annual performance review?
- Does the board chair meet “one on one” with the CEO/ED monthly?
- Is there a succession plan for executive leadership?
- Is there a succession plan for board leadership?
- Is there a formal orientation for new board members?
- Are materials sent out several days in advance of board meetings?



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