

Board Effectiveness Quick Check

Instructions

The Quick Check is to be completed by board members and the CEO. Please rate each statement according to your perception of how well your organization/board attends to each of these factors. Ratings are on a seven-point scale where 5 equals 'Agree Strongly', 0 equals "Disagree Strongly" and Don't Know equals minus one (-1). Please enter in the line to the right of each statement the numerical rating that most closely corresponds to your perception of how well your board attends to each of the items. We are seeking an 'off-the-top-of-your-head' or spontaneous response based on your immediate perceptions.

Note: The term CEO is used to refer to chief executive officer, executive director, senior manager, management team leader, staff coordinator and other similar designations.

Rating Scale: Agree Strongly (5); Agree (4); Agree Somewhat (3); Disagree Somewhat (2); Disagree (1); Disagree Strongly (0); Don't Know (-1)

1	This organization's orientation for board members adequately prepares them to fulfill their governance responsibilities	
2	This board is actively involved in planning the direction and priorities of the organization	
3	The board does a good job of evaluating the performance of the CEO <i>(measuring results against objectives)</i>	
4	This organization is financially sound <i>(viable and stable)</i>	
5	Board members demonstrate clear understanding of the respective roles of the board and CEO	
6	The organization's resources are used efficiently <i>(good value for money spent)</i>	
7	The board has high credibility with key stakeholders <i>(e.g., funders, donors, consumers, collateral organizations or professionals, community, staff)</i>	
8	Board members demonstrate commitment to this organization's mission and values	
9	Board members comply with requirements outlined in key elements of the governance structure <i>(bylaws, policies, code of conduct, conflict of interest, traditions/cultural norms, etc.)</i>	
10	The board's capacity to govern effectively is not impaired by conflicts among members	
11	There is a productive working relationship between the board and the CEO <i>(characterized by good communication and mutual respect)</i>	
12	I am confident that this board would effectively manage any organizational crisis that could be reasonably anticipated	
13	Board meetings are well managed	
14	The board uses sound decision-making processes <i>(focused on board responsibilities, factual information, efficient use of time, items not frequently revisited, effective implementation)</i>	
15	This organization has a good balance between organizational stability and innovation	
Total of the 15 items: Sum of positive items less any Don't Know (-1 ratings). Max possible 75		
Average: Total divided by 15 =		