

BEST PRACTICES FOR EFFECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

EFFECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS...

- Are prepared and attend all board meetings & activities
- Recognize that the board must operate in an open and public manner
- Aware that the authority to act is granted to the board as a whole, not to individual members
- Are proactive with keeping up to date with the direction the city is moving



HIGH PERFORMING BOARDS...

- Have a constructive partnership with staff
- Are mission and results driven
- Engage in strategic thinking
- Promote a culture of inquiry
- Promote transparency
- Are committed to continuous learning



CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCCESSFUL BOARD MEMBERS...

- Knowledge of your board – be familiar with your bylaws, core mission, past, and future issues
- Devote sufficient time to studying the present and future problems of your community
- Remember that you represent all the people of your community, not just neighbors or friends
- Don't spring surprises on your fellow governing board members or city staff, especially at formal meetings
- Celebrate! Don't always focus on problems and issues – make time to share your successes of your board



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