

Effective engagement in governance

Effective engagement is vital to great governance.

This collection of tools enables your board to strengthen its engagement with those impacted by the organization's mission.

They will help to:

- Generate more robust, informed decisions and innovative solutions because of the diversity of perspectives brought to your governance work.
- Increase the skills, experience, knowledge and attributes available to the board and staff leadership to deliver strong governance.
- Build better relationships, grounded in trust.

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Effective engagement activity menu

Create principles that drive engagement in your governance

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The board's engagement of people in its governance work can be tangled in unspoken assumptions, old norms and strong personalities. This two-step exercise creates more intentional engagement that responds to today's complex demands by identifying the principles that drive who is engaged and how.

Make better governance decisions through purpose-driven engagement

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This process unpacks your governance decisions, letting them drive who and how people participate. The three-step Governance Decision-making Framework enables your board and staff leadership to target the right people to engage, with customized strategies.

Engage community in governance work

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Your organization's community can help the board and staff leadership make better governance decisions. This generative exercise opens possibilities by starting with who's involved, and the role they can play using the Continuum of Participation, before digging into tactical plans.