

Board of Directors Policy Manual

Subject: INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR SELF REFLECTION POLICY & TOOL

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POLICY

Annually (April), all Directors will be asked to complete the Individual Board Member Self Reflection Tool and reflect on the results. It will be mandatory for a Director to complete the Tool in years one, three and six of his or her directorship.

PURPOSE

The self reflection tool complements the Board assessment process and is designed to help the Board member review his/her contributions and identify personal development goals, thereby enhancing both the member's contribution to the Board and his/her positive experience.

PROCEDURE

Directors will complete the Individual Board Member Self Reflection Tool and reflect on the results. The Tool will be used to facilitate discussion at the meeting between an individual Director and the Board Chair which occurs after years one, three and six. In the case of a year one Director, the Director's Mentor will participate in the meeting.

Individual Director Self Reflection Tool

Please rate each statement on a scale of 1 to 5.

		1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Neutral	4 Agree	5 Strongly Agree	NA / Don't Know
Gov	vernance Role						
1.	I am familiar with the board's by-laws and policies.						
2.	I maintain confidentiality and comply with conflict of interest policies.						
3.	I support board decisions once they are made.						
4.	I understand the distinction between the board's role to set direction and provide oversight and management's role to lead and direct operations.						
5.	I understand the board's role and process in overseeing the CEO's annual performance.						
6.	I commit the time required to fulfill my governance responsibilities.						
Knowledge of the Organization and the Environment							
7.	I understand the organization's strategic plan, including mission, vision and values statements, and take these into account when making decisions.						
8.	I am comfortable with my level of knowledge about the organization's programs and role within the local environment.						
9.	While not necessarily an expert, I have a good understanding of the organization's: a) Financial performance and condition b) Quality performance and measures c) Key areas of risk and associated risk mitigation strategies.						
10.							
11.	I keep current on sector issues and trends that may have an impact on the organization or the needs of the community.						

		1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Neutral	4 Agree	5 Strongly Agree	NA / Don't Know
12.	I effectively apply my knowledge, experience and expertise to matters before the board.						
13.	I ask questions or request information to help me make informed decisions.						
14.	I exercise sound and balanced judgment considering all sides of issues before the board.						
15.	I bring a strategic focus in assessing situations and reaching conclusions.						
16.	I am satisfied with my level of contribution as a director.						
Effective Behaviour and Relationships							
17.	I read materials in advance and come prepared for meetings.						
18.	I listen well and respect other's ideas and perspectives.						
19.	I communicate effectively with my fellow directors at board and committee meetings.						
20.	I am comfortable and constructive when expressing a minority opinion.						
21.	I develop and maintain sound relationships as a team player with fellow directors.						
22.	I respect the contributions of board committees, being careful at board meetings to build on, not re-do, the work already done by committees.						
23.	While maintaining my independence as a director, I interact respectfully, cooperatively and appropriately with the CEO and senior staff.						
24.	I take advantage of board education opportunities to increase my effectiveness as a director.						

Development Questions

1.	In terms of furthering your professional development as a director and contributing more to the board, please identify two or three areas that you would like to personally focus on next year.			
2.	Looking ahead, are there other committees or board officer positions that you are interested in, or other ways you might like to contribute?			
3.	What support or educational opportunities would be beneficial to your development?			