

Rights of a Governing Board Member

1. To bring any concern about organization activities to the attention of the whole Board, whether the concern originates in the group the member represents or is their own concern.
2. To initiate any relevant new business for the Board's consideration through a motion in a Board or committee meeting.
3. To express opinions about issues or proposed items of business before they are placed before the Board for a vote (except when debate has been limited in advance and the member is not recognized during the allotted time).
4. To request additional information on any subject under consideration and to personally question anyone who testifies before the Board, before a vote is called.
5. To organize support for or against any matter which is brought before the Board for a vote, either before or during a meeting.
6. To be able to obtain a complete and up-to-date list of Board members and to have their voting records compiled.
7. To request that a vote be taken in a particular manner (roll call, hands, voice or secret ballot).

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Additional Rights

- To vote on each matter presented to the board for action.
- To identify oneself as a board member and, to the extent authorized, act as an ambassador and fundraiser for the organization.
- Receive a copy of the meeting minutes from every meeting.
- Calling out other directors for misconduct or breach of duty.
- Unlimited access to records of the organization.
- To have the means of communicating with all other board members concurrently at any board meeting.