

Checklist: Ethics in Decision Making

ENSURING ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN THE BOARD ROOM

Prior to key decision-making sessions in your boardroom, use this checklist to ensure that the board is ready to move forward.

Question	Yes	No
Have all board and staff conflicts of interest been presented, and appropriate action taken prior to the start of this decision-making process?		
Have board members and impacted staff had the opportunity to ask all of the questions they have about the issue?		
Have we collected and assessed all the relevant information needed to make a sound decision?		
Have we collected constituents' input or assessed in any way how this decision will impact them?		
Have we discussed and weighed both positive and negative potential consequences of this decision?		
Will this decision align with our values?		
Have we thoroughly examined the true costs of this decision?		
Have we determined how we will measure the success of this decision?		
If this decision was made public, would we feel positive about it?		
Do we understand the impact of this decision on our infrastructure?		

