

# Sample Governing Board Quick Scan

Use this Governing Board Quick-Scan to identify your board's strengths and areas for improvement in preparation for a more in-depth board assessment. Note: This instrument is not intended to serve as a substitute for a full board assessment

Scoring Key:

**SD** (Strongly Disagree)=1   **D** (Disagree)=2   **A** (Agree)=3   **SA** (Strongly Agree)=4

Governing Board Responsibilities		SD	D	A	SA
1.	Board members receive a complete orientation and training on their roles and responsibilities.	1	2	3	4
2.	Board members operate within their legal authority.	1	2	3	4
3.	Board members demonstrate commitment to this organization's mission and values.	1	2	3	4
4.	This board has a systematic process for setting strategic goals and objectives that reflect our mission and vision for the future.	1	2	3	4
5.	This board's ability to govern effectively is not impaired by conflict among its members.	1	2	3	4
6.	This board's meetings are well managed.	1	2	3	4
7.	This board uses sound decision-making methods (focused on board level issues, factual information, efficient use of time, effective implementation).	1	2	3	4
8.	This board has adopted explicit goals for itself that are distinct from the goals for the organization.	1	2	3	4
9.	All board members can distinguish between and respect their own and the manager's roles and responsibilities.	1	2	3	4
10.	There is a productive working relationship (good communication and mutual respect) between members of the board and the organization's manager.	1	2	3	4
11.	The board makes sure adequate financial resources are in place for the organization to be viable, stable and accomplish strategic objectives.	1	2	3	4
12.	This board does a good job evaluating the performance of the manager (measuring results based on clear objectives).	1	2	3	4
13.	I am confident this board would effectively manage any organizational crisis that might reasonably be expected.	1	2	3	4
14.	This board and organization have a good balance between organizational stability and innovation.	1	2	3	4
15.	This board has high credibility with key stakeholders (customers, community leaders, staff, local organizations).	1	2	3	4
Column Totals					
Total for all 15 items					
<b>Overall Score</b> (Total divided by 15)					