The Best Board Members …

- Show up prepared and ready to engage.
- Understand the board’s fiduciary and strategic roles.
- Engage with members and listen to their perspectives.
- Don’t dodge difficult issues or decisions.
- Put their self-interests last.
- Focus on the path forward.

Questions for Reflection/Discussion

- How well are we helping our board members understand their fiduciary and strategic roles?
- How well are we helping board members understand their other responsibilities — as ambassadors, for example? Are there other things we can do to ensure board members are informed?
- What other qualities do you especially appreciate in a board member?