

Nonprofit Board Resources: Generative Board Governance & Leadership

This is a list of resources revolving around **generative board leadership and board governance**. This is not an exhaustive list of resources but a handful that we hope will help individuals and boards deepen their own curiosity about generative thinking and board governance. Please note, some of these resources are free while others do have a cost to access them. These are presented as a guide for individuals and boards to deepen their own knowledge in that particular area.

Comprehensive Board Resources

Boardable - Resources for boards including blog posts, case studies, ebooks/whitepapers, and webinars.

- [Board Evaluations: The Complete Q&A Guide for Nonprofits](#): Includes a section on generative governance questions and discusses how assessments should include a look at past performance and discussion of generative future topics.

BoardSource - Recognized leader in nonprofit board leadership research, leadership, and support. Provides leaders with an extensive range of tools, resources, and research data to increase board effectiveness, strengthen organizational impact, and serve as the national voice for inspired and effective board leadership.

- [Using Generative Governance Principles for Better Boardroom Conversations](#)

Online Resources, Tools, and Trainings

Maine Association of Nonprofits - Invested in developing the people and organizations making a positive difference to the economy, health, and quality of life in Maine. Host events, trainings, resources, tools.

- [Making Your Good Board Great](#)
- [How Do We Get Board Members Engaged?](#)
- [Use this Simple Strategy to Spark Great Board Conversation](#)
- [The Core Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards](#)

501 Commons - A broad-based management support organization focused on Washington State that houses a collection of nonprofit resources that are applicable to the entire country. They not only produce their own resources, but also monitor what other resources that are available by other providers.

- [Boards & Governance Resources](#)

Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario - Works to support the implementation and growth of primary care teams by promoting best practices, sharing lessons learned, and advocating on behalf of all primary care teams.

- [Introduction to Generative Governance](#)

Board Leadership - Board training for nonprofit boards with an annual conference.

- [Making Sense of Generative Governance](#)

Books

Governance as Leadership: Reframing the Work of Nonprofit Boards by Richard P. Chait, William P. Ryan, and Barbara E. Taylor in collaboration with Boardsource - It sheds new light on the traditional fiduciary and strategic work of the board and introduces a critical third dimension of effective trusteeship: generative governance.

- [Summary of book by Pew Charitable Trusts \(link\)](#)

Online Journals/Magazines/Blogs

Stanford Social Innovation Review - Magazine and website that covers cross-sector solutions to global problems. A portion of the articles are focused on nonprofits and innovative ideas to help leaders of nonprofits and nongovernmental organizations work more effectively.

- [Cultivating and Sustaining Generative Teams](#)