WHAT BOARD IS RIGHT FOR ME?

We made this simple guide to help! Signing up for something new is always fun, but remember to consider the commitment. Is the work of the board limited to regularly scheduled meetings, once or twice a month? Is it a task force for a specific purpose, or is the work “seasonal” in nature? Is there a lot of responsibility and outside work involved? Perhaps with a powerful oversight board or a task force requiring outside research?

START HERE (PICK ONE)

I am motivated by the mission and I’m flexible about structure.

I am flexible about mission, but structure is very important to me.

I care most about the people and culture of our communities.

I want to explore a less common government function or special skill

Finance, property and development are where my power lies!

SPECIAL SKILLS
- Criminal Justice
- Ethics Commission
- Fire District
- Water/Sewer District

When playing a board game, I’m the one reading and enforcing the rules.

I like to have the final say, and want to make decisions that will guide an entire organization. Being CEO is my dream job.

I’m the “Dear Abby” in my friend circle. I’d much rather give input but let others make the final tough decisions.

I want to broaden my leadership, but am not ready for the scrutiny of a “public” board. The idea of non-profit service makes me more comfortable.

See these categories too!

CULTURE & COMMUNITY VIBRANCY
- Parks or Recreation
- Commission on Women & Girls
- Public Library Board
- Arboretum Advisory Council

HEALTH, SAFETY & BASIC NEEDS
- Board of Health
- Human Services Advisory Council
- Mental Health & Recovery Services
- Council on Aging/Elderly Services

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- Workforce Investment Board
- Port Authority or Redevelopment Authority
- Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Tax Incentive Review Council

LAND DEVELOPMENT
- Zoning Commission or Appeals
- Planning Commission or Appeals
- Historic Preservation
- Water Management

BUSES, TRAINS & PLANES!
- Regional Transit Authority
- Airport Advisory

NON-PROFIT BOARDS
- Zoological Society
- Museum Board
- Cincinnati Arts Association

I WANT THE SPOTLIGHT!
- Regional Transportation Authority
- Board of Health
- Port Authority/Regional Economic Development

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- Human Services Advisory Board
- Tax Levy Review Committee
- Racial Equity Task Force

I LIKE TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE.
- Mental Health & Recovery Services
- Library Board

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- Commission on Women & Girls
- Addiction Response Coalition

Fun Fact: Governments sometimes appoint seats on outside boards, too!