



Using a Board Portal

Below is a list of common board portals. As we collect information for our nonprofit partners, we value your feedback on cost or satisfaction with these vendors, and if you are willing to take questions from other nonprofits about your portal.

If you have feedback that we can add (our own Murdock “Yelp” review), please reach out to us at boardleadership@murdocktrust.org

WHY USE A BOARD PORTAL?

A nonprofit organization can benefit significantly from using a board portal to manage its board-related activities. Here are some reasons why:

- **Streamlined Communication:** A board portal allows board members to communicate and collaborate more efficiently. Board members can easily share documents, exchange messages, and schedule meetings, eliminating the need for endless email chains and multiple communication channels.
- **Enhanced Security:** A board portal provides a secure and centralized platform for storing sensitive information and documents. The platform ensures that only authorized personnel can access the information, and all data is protected by robust security measures, reducing the risk of data breaches.
- **Timesaving:** With a board portal, board members can access all the information they need in one place, rather than having to sift through various documents and folders. This can save time, increase productivity, and improve decision-making.
- **Improved Board Governance:** A board portal can help ensure that the board operates in compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Board portals provide easy access to policies, procedures, and other governance documents, making it easier for board members to stay informed and make informed decisions.
- **Better Board Engagement:** A board portal can help increase board member engagement by providing a convenient platform for accessing board materials, participating in discussions, and staying up to date on the latest news and events.

Overall, a board portal can help a nonprofit organization improve its governance, increase board member engagement, and enhance communication and collaboration among board members.



Examples of Board Portals

- **Internal software:** Many organizations use internal software the nonprofit already has, for example Teams, Sharepoint, Dropbox, or a Learning Management Software. Other software like shared GoogleDocs can be used, but note that free software is not as secure.
- **Aprio Boardroom:** A cloud-based board portal that provides features such as secure document sharing, meeting scheduling and management, voting and approval workflows, and board member communication tools.
- **Boardable:** A board management software designed for nonprofit organizations. It offers features such as meeting scheduling and management, document storage and sharing, task management, and board member communication tools.
- **BoardEffect:** A board management software designed for nonprofit organizations. It offers features such as secure document storage, board meeting scheduling and management, voting and approval workflows, and board member communication tools.
- **BoardPaq:** A paperless solution for effective member communication and collaboration.
- **BoardVantage:** Allows for board communication, files, calendar management, approvals, role-based access permissions, and desktop and mobile access.
- **Diligent Boards:** A cloud-based board portal that provides features such as secure document sharing, meeting scheduling and management, electronic voting, and real-time updates and alerts. (For larger boards or corporate boards)
- **Directorpoint:** A board management software that offers features such as meeting management, document storage and sharing, secure messaging, and voting and approval workflows. It also includes features such as online annotations, surveys, and polls.
- **Govenda:** Allows for meeting scheduling, notes to the agenda, member dashboard, discussion boards, mobile access, voting, and e-signatures, among other features.
- **OnBoard:** A board management software designed for nonprofit organizations. It offers features such as meeting scheduling and management, document storage and sharing, task management, and board member communication tools. It also includes features such as virtual meeting tools and video conferencing.
- **Simbli by eBOARDsolutions:** A board management software that provides features such as meeting scheduling and management, document storage and sharing, voting and approval workflows, and board member communication tools. It also includes features such as policy management, goal setting, and strategic planning.

These are just a few examples of board portals used by nonprofit organizations. As a reminder, it is important to research and compare different options to find the one that best meets your organization's needs.