

What are the signs of a “bad” board member?

Having a list of characteristics of what may be considered “bad” board member behavior can actually serve a positive purpose. It says: “Avoid this! Do the opposite and you will be on the road to excellence in board service.”

A “bad” board member

- Regularly misses meetings
- Does not accept or complete tasks
- Is motivated by personal agendas
- Monopolizes boardroom discussions or never participates in discussions
- Is not a team player
- Treats peers disrespectfully
- Betrays confidentiality
- Does not disclose conflicts of interest
- Does not understand when it is time to retire and let someone else get actively involved