

Strategic Board Retreats and Workshops



Every board faces moments that call for reflection and renewed focus. Whether navigating leadership transitions, strategic planning, or significant change, a strategic retreat creates space for focused, expert-facilitated dialogue. A well-executed retreat aligns the board around what matters most, strengthens board-presidential relationships, and builds a culture centered on institutional mission and student success.

When to Consider a Board Retreat

- » The board needs to sharpen its focus or improve meeting effectiveness.
- » The board wants to assess its performance or update governance practices.
- » The institution is navigating disruption, financial stress, or major change.
- » A new president or board chair has recently taken office.
- » There is board turnover, a need for onboarding, or a culture reset.
- » It's time to revisit strategic priorities or align leadership around shared goals.
- » The institution is preparing for or launching a new strategic plan.

Retreats provide time and space for the board to step back, build trust, and recommit to its most important responsibilities.

Designed Around Your Needs

AGB retreat leaders are experienced former presidents, board members, and governance professionals who collaborate with your leadership team to design and facilitate a session that's customized, strategic, and actionable.

With a focus on practical outcomes and candid conversation, our facilitators guide your board through meaningful discussions that lead to real results.

Sessions may also include governance assessments, leadership coaching, or facilitated discussions around presidential evaluation, succession planning, or other priority issues.

Let's Get Started

It's easy to get started. AGB members receive a one-hour governance consultation, which allows your president or board chair to consult with an AGB expert for general advice on achieving your institution's board goals or navigating difficult governance situations. Topics often include board processes, committee structure, board culture, fiduciary duties, and more.



Backed by the insights and practices in AGB's *A Guide to Strategic Board Retreats in Higher Education*.

“The AGB consultant was amazing during our board retreat. He delivered a very impactful message to the team based on real life experience and examples. The consultant was able to illustrate why it is vitally important to maintain clear boundaries between board and institutional leadership responsibilities. We are now reminding each other about the principles shared by the consultant, processing the information, and revising policies that will allow us to implement this valuable knowledge.”

—South Carolina State University



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