

Winnetka Public Boards Communications Meeting
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The Winnetka Public Boards Communications meeting was a community brainstorming of past and present Board members of Winnetka's governmental bodies, designed to capture the wisdom and lessons learned in the community over the years.

What are the most important qualities of a Board member:

- Open minded
- But not too open minded—has some institutional memory
- Vision
- Policy-oriented; not prone to dipping into administration
- Can work with other board members (plays well with others)
- Reliability
- Prefers listening to speaking
- Can articulate view and opinions
- Has knowledge of the issues
- Can speak with one voice when the board has reached a decision
- Rational—even-tempered
- Respects self, other board members and the community
- Brings their issues to the board table and works them out there
- Not a single issue person
- Represents the community, not a single constituency
- Does their homework
- Knows their own personal limitations
- Knows when to go ahead and make a decision