

Corporate Secretary / Onboarding Leader(s) Onboarding Checklist

Action items designed to ensure the successful integration of a new director

I. ASAP / Upon appointment

Formalize onboarding program and adapt as necessary

- ☐ Develop draft document formalizing tailored onboarding program

SUPPORTING MATERIAL

- [New Director Onboarding: 5 Recommendations for Enhancing Your Program](#)
- [A Smooth Transition: How to Onboard the Next Generation of Board Talent](#)
- [Tips for Recruiting and Onboarding Board Members](#)

- ☐ Seek input from each new director
- ☐ Finalize formal onboarding program with milestones
- ☐ Make sure the portal is up to date

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Invite new director to all upcoming meetings

- ☐ Send calendar invites for all scheduled upcoming board and, as applicable, committee meetings

Training and education

- ☐ Provide training on board portal by using either an online tool, step-by-step guide or a dedicated portal specialist.
- ☐ **For first-time directors:** Assess director needs for training on director roles, responsibilities and fiduciary duties; finalize fiduciary training program

Create introduction opportunities

- ☐ Schedule an informal “meet and greet” for directors to socialize before new director’s first board meeting (example: breakfast, cocktails, dinner, lunch, virtual “chat” time, etc., immediately before start of first meeting)

Include new director in upcoming investor engagements

- ☐ Send calendar invites for new directors to attend investor day and listen to quarterly investor calls

Provide opportunities for continuing education

- ☐ Support and encourage participation in third-party educational programs for directors; recommend specific programs as appropriate

Review board policies and procedures

- ☐ Review policies that impact directors (ethics, conflicts of interest, etc.)
- ☐ Review director’s insurance and liability

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Populate portal library

- ☐ **Populate portal library with pre-reads of governing and other core background documents such as board operations, legal requirements and duties, committee structure and chair roles, the cadence of meetings**
- SUPPORTING MATERIAL**
- General Information
 - Director profiles and contact information
 - Committee assignments
 - Board and committee calendars
 - Strategic Plans
 - Governance Materials
 - Prior 12 months' board/committee materials and minutes
 - Company charter and bylaws
 - Committee charters
 - Corporate governance guidelines
 - Company/board code of conduct and conflict of interest policies
 - Summary of D&O coverage
 - Financial Information
 - Financial reports, including most recent annual/quarter reports, budget and projections
 - Capital resources and covenants, including lines of credit and longer-term credit facilities
 - Earnings releases for the past year
 - Investor Insights
 - Investor presentations for past year
 - Current key analyst reports
 - List of top (10-15) shareholders and other key shareholders of note
 - Human Capital
 - Organizational chart
 - Executive incentive plan documents/summaries (annual, long-term, other incentive/compensation arrangements)
 - Results of most recent employee engagement survey, any other organizational culture/other surveys
 - Director Compensation
 - Director compensation and perquisites
 - Stock ownership expectations
 - Travel, expense reimbursement and other policies

II. Within first three months

Schedule one-on-one meetings/calls between new director and directors

- ☐ Independent Chair and/or Lead Director
- ☐ Committee Chairs and Members (prioritizing the new director's committee assignments)
- ☐ All other directors

Schedule one-on-one meetings with new director and key executives, including

- ☐ CEO
- ☐ COO
- ☐ CFO/Controller
- ☐ CHRO
- ☐ CMO
- ☐ CIO
- ☐ GC

Plan site visits and events

- ☐ Schedule site visits

Establish mentorship program

- ☐ Consider formally or informally assigning an experienced board member as a mentor to: coach and share feedback; provide perspective on boardroom activities, dynamics, written and unwritten rules; help with meeting preparation; and debrief and act as a sounding board between meetings

III. Within first six months

Communicate expectations around committee attendance

- ☐ Encourage new directors to attend all committee meetings for the first year of board service

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