Nonprofit Document Organization Checklist

CHARTER DOCUMENTS

Charter documents relate to the formation of the nonprofit organization and descriptions of the organization's history and mission.

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Articles of Incorporation					
IRS 501(c) letter of determination					
Other tax exemption documents					
Licenses and permits					
Registration for solicitation					
Organization history					
Mission statement					

BOARD POLICIES

Board policies are the guidelines established by the board to protect the organization and help it reach its long-term goals.

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Bylaws					
Board operating policies					
Financial policies					
Gift acceptance policy					
Conflict of interest policy					
Whistleblower policy					
Document retention & destruction policy					
Employee policies					
Volunteer policies					
Child protection policy					
Whistleblower policy Document retention & destruction policy Employee policies Volunteer policies					

BOARD MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENTS

Board membership documents relate to the selection and maintenance of board members.

DOCUMENT		STAT	NEXT STEPS		
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Board roster					
New board member commitment form					
Annual conflict of interest disclosure form					
Board nomination form					
Board application form					
New member evaluation & interview guide					
New board member onboarding checklist					
New board member welcome letter					
Board liability insurance policy information					

BOARD BUSINESS DOCUMENTS

Ongoing business of the board is documented with these templates.

DOCUMENT		STAT	NEXT STEPS		
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Board calendar					
Board meeting minutes					
Board resolutions					
Board meeting agendas					
Committee charters					
Committee meeting minutes					
Committee meeting agendas					

BOARD PLANNING & MONITORING DOCUMENTS

These documents help board members plan and monitor organization accomplishments.

DOCUMENT		STAT	NEXT STEPS		
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Strategic plan					
Current annual plan					
Budget					
Program summaries					
Monitoring data					
Past audit reports					