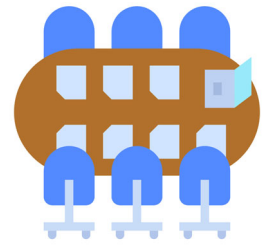




## Governance — board quality, effectiveness and transparency



Westchase District's 17-member board of directors is **made up of representatives** of area property owners, including owners of office buildings, apartment communities, hotels and corporate tenants. All of the area's **highest value owners are represented** on the Board, which meets at least six times a year. All **agendas are posted in advance** in compliance with state law and **minutes are shared** on the District's website. Westchase District, the District's 380 area program and the Westchase District Community Fund all conduct **annual audits**, which are reviewed and approved by the Board. All board members **sign annual disclosure statements**. Board members and staff undergo regular training on the requirements of the **Open Meetings Act**, records retention and computer safety. Westchase District contracts a highly-skilled, specialized firm for **guidance on grant solicitation** and to **ensure compliance** with all state and federal requirements. **Legal counsel** is in attendance at all board meetings. An **annual public hearing** invites all stakeholders to participate and **give feedback** on the District's projects and expenditures. The District invites **input from the public** on all proposed projects and **incorporates those findings** in the design of public infrastructure projects. Board members and staff **meet in annual board retreats** that allow them to strategize on long term goals and plans. Many of the District's public projects are **leveraged by area landowners** who contribute easements for the project. Others make financial contributions that **stretch the District's assessment income**.