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## **Top 10 Characteristics of a Highly Effective Charter School Governing Board<sup>©</sup>**

- 1. Passionate, unwavering belief in the charter school's mission and core values.**
- 2. Clarity of collective vision – where the school is and where it wants to be in the future.**
- 3. A firm understanding of the charter promises and a clear, consistent way to measure them.**
- 4. Clarity of roles and responsibilities**
  - a. Role of the full board
  - b. Role of individual board members
  - c. Role of committees
  - d. Role of the School Leader
- 5. Demonstration of a clear understanding of the difference between governance and management.**
- 6. Focused on results.**
- 7. The right structure**
  - a. Board size
  - b. Composition
  - c. Committee structure
  - d. Officers
- 8. Board meetings – focused on strategic questions and issues not just reporting.**
- 9. A School Leader who assists in the creation of effective governance.**
- 10. A strong partnership between the board and the School Leader that is built on mutual trust and respect.**

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