

Fig. 3.1, Chapter Checkup: Board Self-Assessment Template - Quiz

At last night’s board meeting, you were named chair of the first-ever board self-assessment committee. New trustee Sarah Serious, head of the homeschool coalition, wants to make sure it’s a board process and not dominated by Director Dorothea. Sarah has e-mailed you several websites on nonprofit and church board self-assessment. At last night’s break, trustee Val Veteran whispered that it’s all a waste of time.

At next month’s board meeting, you are to present two to three possible self-assessment methods. Use the following template to help get ready.

#1. List the two board benefits you see from doing self-assessment.

A) _____

B) _____

#2. Decide the sequence you’ll use to find some library board self-assessment forms.

___ A) Look at your state’s trustee manual.

___ B) Contact the board chair at 2-3 peer libraries to see if they’ve done any recently.

___ C) Contact the facilitator who helped your library in its last strategic planning cycle.

___ D) Google “library board self assessment.”

___ E) Contact your regional or cooperative library system.

___ F) Ask your director to recommend one or two board self-assessment methods.

___ G) Search your state library’s website.

___ H) Contact your state library’s director of library development.

#3. You have 30 minutes to make your oral report and take questions. Your written, detailed report was in the board report. What will you cover?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
A)Sample forms	___	___
B)Experiences of other boards in doing a self-assessment	___	___
C)Comparison of the 2-3 methods	___	___
D)Your process to find 2-3 methods	___	___
E)Which method you recommend and why	___	___
F)How long it will take to do the self-assessment	___	___
G)How much is done together as a board vs. individually	___	___
H)How often it should be done	___	___

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Answer Key

- #1. One benefit is measuring how well our board meets state requirements.
A second benefit is using a standard method that has helped other library boards.
- #2. Sequence:
A=5, B=4, C=7, D=8, E=2, F=1, G=6, H=3
- #3 A=[No], B= [Yes], C=[No], D=[No], E=[Yes], F=[Yes], G=[Yes], H= [No]