

Data Governance Committee Overview

What Is Data Governance?

Data governance combines aspects of data governance with project management within the context of a tightly scoped use case to support the development of an implementation plan or strategy. This work is not about data itself, but rather the business processes, stakeholders, and decisions around data. It provides checks and balances between program interest and technology.

Why Do We Need Data Governance?

The Data Governance Committee (DGC) brings together cross-functional leaders to establish routines and processes to address data-related pain points. Examples of problems a DGC could tackle include:

- Lack of data stewards identified
- Unclear data management practices
- Data quality concerns with no process for addressing them
- Inaccessible and unusable data
- Insufficient data-related processes; more person-focused data processes
- Competing definitions for common data terms

While some of this work may be occurring in existing meetings structures, this committee will create a formalized space with an agreed upon use case to help expedite the solution of many of our data-related problems.

What Is the Initial Work for the Data Governance Committee?

A DGC serves as the governing body on the management of an organization's data. Initial work for the committee includes:

- Implementing cross-departmental discussions on data priorities, processes, and workflows
- Documenting the district's data landscape and workflows
- Supporting the identification of major use case data elements and expectations around their usage.
- Assigning data stewards to draft and manage use case data processes and workflows
- Ensuring the adoption of data processes and workflows that support the implementation of the use case

What Is the Commitment Requirement To Be on the Data Governance Committee?

The DGC will meet for one hour monthly for the first six to eight months. In between each committee meeting, subcommittees will need to meet one to two times. Subcommittees are where the research, discussion, and recommendation development for specific issues takes place. Subcommittees should be made up of a subset of committee members as well as subject matter experts who may not sit on the full committee, depending on the topic.

You should allot 15-30 minutes to review materials prior to each DGC meeting to ensure a productive committee meeting.

What's Next?

Schedule your Data Governance Committee kick-off meeting.