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Our sector is committed to action for the public good - no small mission! And as leaders in the sector our role is to envision something different from what is today and ask "what positive change can we drive?" The stakes are high. It is an exciting time to be a not-for-profit leader.

And, let's admit that it is also a challenging time. Leaders in our sector are stretched - meeting multiple demands, engaging teams, managing finances, evaluating outcomes. To be a great leader takes time, mentoring, and professional development opportunities. But are we making that time? Or the investment...

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From time to time I'm approached by friends and colleagues for advice about how to become a member of a not for profit Board of Directors. I believe very strongly in the value of this kind of volunteering, and I'm happy to share some thoughts. Here are five key tips that I have learned over many years as a volunteer and as a consultant working with NFP Boards.

Follow your passion

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