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This month I finally get to the topic that inspired the idea for this podcast: What's the deal with Robert's Rules of Order? I've personally worked with not-for-profit boards for over a decade and I've never opened the 700+ page [Robert's Rules of Order](#). I've dismissed the whole idea as being overly complex and simply too overwhelming for the typical board member to digest and, ultimately, a deterrent to effective board member engagement.

My guest, [Eli Mina](#), a Vancouver based consultant on board effectiveness and a registered Parliamentarian, was definitely up to the task of challenging my thinking, bringing forward the notion that the intention of the rules is actually to promote board engagement and more effective board decision-making. Eli highlights that, when you distill it, Robert's Rules of Order bring the following key elements to board meetings: order, focus, efficiency, equality, decorum, and a safe meeting environment.a.

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