

August 2025: Sizzling Summer Edition



Hello {{ contact.NAME }},

As I write this, a scorching heat wave is finally breaking. A welcome rain is cooling the air and giving the parched landscape a well-needed drink.

While summer slows some things down, Team BoardSpace is anything but idle. As Labour Day approaches (already—how is that possible?), we're deep in development on Version 4 and making strong progress.

Starting with this issue, we're beginning a new format—quick peeks at what's coming next. Think of them as BoardSpace sneak previews: bite-sized, fresh off the presses, and packed with substance.

Peek #1: Under the Hood

Database Architecture Overhaul

We're rebuilding the very core of BoardSpace—our database architecture. You never see this part, but it's where everything lives: documents, minutes, actions, events, and more.

Since Version 1, we've added more and more tables and fields. It had reached the point where a complete overhaul was needed. We untangled connections, reorganized structures, and built a stronger, smarter foundation—setting us up for years of growth.

This phase of the Version 4 update is now nearly complete.

Peek #2: Meetings

Improved Meetings & Minutes Workflow

We've spent over six months redesigning how agendas and minutes are created—based on your feedback.

What's changing:

- Cleaner design Less clutter, more logical organization, and a more straightforward layout.
- Draft mode Both agendas and minutes will start as drafts until shared with directors.
- Agenda builder improvements Recording secretaries will love these.
 Fewer columns, clearer layout, and a kebab menu (three dots) for lessused options.
- Work at your pace Build agendas or minutes over days or weeks before finalizing.

The game-changer:

Al-powered Auto Minutes

Upload notes, audio files, or transcripts, and let BoardSpace create a polished first draft. You review, edit, and approve—cutting hours of formatting down to minutes.

Al-enhanced drafting won't take over your job, but it will make it easier. You'll get a solid first draft that you can polish and approve before publishing. This is not just a new feature—it's a new way to work.

New Blog: Inside the BoardSpace Toolbox

Want to master BoardSpace board tools? Check out our new blog for directors, chairs, and admin pros.

Each episode covers:

- What the feature is
- How it works

Why it matters

• Real-world use cases

Expect practical tips, creative ideas, and a touch of light humour to make governance (almost) fun.

Episode 1: Agenda Alchemy – Turning Chaos into a Game Plan

Let's be honest—without an agenda, a board meeting is just people talking in circles until someone suggests adjourning for snacks. Our agenda tool ensures every meeting starts with clarity and ends with results.

Read more about it here: <u>Agenda Alchemy</u>

In Closing

That's it for this sneak peek. We're building Version 4 piece by piece, and every update brings us closer to launch. Keep an eye out for the next edition—more behind-the-scenes progress, more features, and maybe even a surprise or two.

Until then, enjoy the last weeks of summer.

Pat Crosscombe, Founder & CEO BoardSpace,



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