



The Grand Bahama Port Authority Case Study

Ian Rolle, President of the Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA), on how Convene has helped streamline the board meeting process.

My vision is to involve technology as much as possible throughout my group of companies to make life easier for everybody – the employees, the customers, and, of course, the board members.

It was a bit of a struggle, too cumbersome of a process to prepare for these board meetings, and I saw an opportunity to solve this problem with Convene.

The best one

When compared to the other board portals, Convene was the best one; it had the best features. It gave me exactly what I wanted, and gave all the features that I required to satisfy our board’s needs.

The implementation was very smooth. First of all, the product is user-friendly. I am the one who uploads the data from the secretary, she just provides me with the data. I upload it and set up the meetings myself, and then I just walked the directors through on how to use the application.

Convene is remarkable

I am able to upload all the documents in one place, one central depository, and notify all the board members at the same time. I love the annotations, as well as the Briefcase feature where I can put documents in, and bring it up in case I need it during a board meeting. I also love the fact that remote users can follow various presenters; you can basically change the presenters and everybody will still follow.

In 1955, a unique economic zone was established in the Grand Bahama Island with the vision to become a major shipping hub and international business center. Now, the GBPA is the administrator for positioning the Grand Bahama at the heart of thriving investment growth of the 21st century in the Bahamas.



8 Board Members



200 Pages



3 Day Preparation



“None of our board members have an issue with Convene; it is perfect for us, really!”



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Features

Award winning security

- Two factor authentication
- Document encryption on server and on device
- Real time decryption
- Remote data wipe on lost devices

Manage all stages of your meeting Plan your meetings

- Attach documents to agenda items
- Set up custom access for guests
- Digitally amend and distribute board packs

Engage your participants

- Start remote meetings
- Have real-time interactive presentations
- Lock participants' screens to the presentation
- Vote on items

Follow-up easily

- Send a meeting summary immediately
- Track actions after the meeting
- Review previous meetings and documents

Quarterly upgrades

- Convene is updated every quarter. An upgrade is done when it is convenient for the client.

Convene is remarkable. I've never experienced any downtime or any maintenance that happened to the product. I would have been notified if maintenance was occurring, but it never became an issue.

Convene is up and running 100% of the time that I've use the product; it just worked!

It is a cost-saver

If you consider the cost of paper and the cost of the courier service, it's not that much. But the time to put that together, I would say that was a bit too much because you would be taking up someone's time, my general counsel and her staff's, in my case. That is opportunity time lost. The two to three days that our general counsel team took to prepare the board packages – that is no more. She would provide me with the documents, and within an hour I would have everything uploaded. Obviously, it is a cost-saver to us to be using this technology to conduct our board meetings.

Our board is more prepared than before

With Convene, instead of being intimidated by 200 pages of a big thick book, we now have a digital format where we can read and review the material whenever, wherever – in the couch, in the bed, on the go. So now our board is coming to the meetings more prepared than before because the information is so accessible on a lightweight device.

It has helped us streamline our meetings in a major way.

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