



Executive Business Review

✓ DO'S

✗ DON'TS

BEFORE

- 1 Use modular approach - break down your EBR into meaningful and manageable segments.



- 2 Use a survey to find out what goals execs are after, and then touch those goals in the EBR.

- 3 Include client executives' goals in the EBR slide deck.



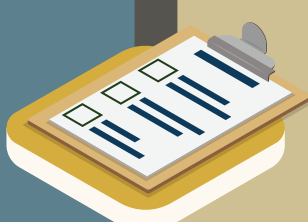
- 4 Ask your internal team to review the slides ahead of time.

- 5 Connect with your sales team to align on possible upsell opportunities.



- 6 Meet with other internal stakeholders to gauge their input for the EBR.

- 7 Prepare in advance for possible client pushback, feedback, or objections.



- 1 Don't forget to share the agenda with the attendees.

- 2 Don't prepare too many slides.



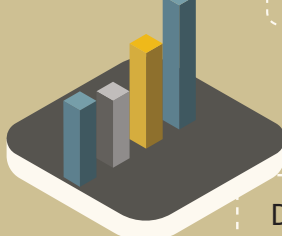
- 3 Don't create a completely new set of slides again and again (reuse, redesign, repurpose)



- 4 Don't make your EBR about your product.



- 5 Don't surprise your champion(s). Make sure you meet with them prior to review the agenda before the call.



- 6 Don't guess your client's priorities without confirming first.

DURING

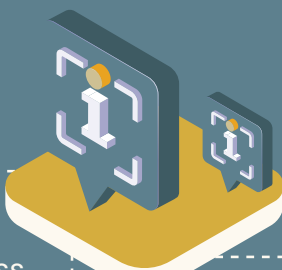
- 1 Divide your agenda into two parts: strategic and tactical.



- 2 Showcase past successes.



- 3 Discuss what's hindering progress.



- 4 Allow time for your champion to present value and outcomes gained.

- 1 Don't waste your customer's time.

- 2 Avoid presenting poorly prepared content.



- 3 Avoid discussing topics or features your customer isn't concerned about.

- 4 Don't leave the meeting without discussing future goals.

- 5 Don't show up late.



- 6 Don't forget to leave enough time for Q&A.

AFTER

- 1 Show gratitude and thank the attendees for their time.



- 2 Send feedback form to all attendees. Capture what value they gained by attending the EBR, if any.

- 3 Ask internal attendees for feedback on how you handled the EBR.



- 5 Update your client's success plan based on the EBR.



- 6 Schedule a follow up call your client's champion to review the suggested success plan.



- 1 Don't forget to thank your attendees for their time; as soon as the meeting is over.



- 2 Don't forget to send your meeting notes to all the attendees, and clear the action items within 24 hours.



- 3 Avoid ambiguous action items. Specify owners and due dates.



- 4 Don't assume you got it right. Ask the attendees to review and validate your action plan.

- 5 Don't be shy about asking for help to get your success plan done.



This infographic was based on a [CSM Practice podcast episode](#) conducted with Meenal Shukla, Director, Enterprise Customer Success at Gainsight



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