# What are we discussing?

# From my perspective, my opening statement is …

| Hats and Descriptions | | | | | |
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| (White Hat) | **Detective Hat**   * Questions * Analyzes * *What info is needed?* * *What facts do we know?* | (Green Hat) | **Creative Hat**   * Thinks outside the box * Imagines * *What new ideas do we have?* * *What creative solutions are there?* | (Yellow Hat) | **Optimistic Hat**   * Finds the value * Considers the pros of ideas * *Why is this idea useful?* * *How can one benefit from the idea?* |
| (Red Hat) | **Thoughtful Hat**   * Thinks with one’s heart * Shares gut instincts and hunches * *How do I feel about this?* * *How might our decision make others feel?* | (Black Hat) | **Cautious Hat**   * Plays devil’s advocate * Identifies potential risks/concerns/cons * What difficulties might arise? * *Is this actually going to work?* | (Blue Hat) | **Conductor Hat**   * Listens * Summarizes * *How do we stay on track?* * *How does this move us toward our goal?* |

Adapted from deBono, E. (1999). Six thinking hats. Back Bay Books.