DigiEmu Core Governance & Stewardship Framework v1.0

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Scope: Governance, Stewardship & Authority Structure
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1. Purpose

This document defines the governance structure and stewardship principles of the DigiEmu Core standard. It establishes authority, accountability, and structured decision-making processes required for enterprise-grade operation.

2. Governance Authority

The DigiEmu Governance Authority retains formal control over: • Specification updates • Certification criteria • Versioning policy • Conformance definitions • Security and audit frameworks. All governance decisions MUST be formally documented and versioned.

3. Roles & Responsibilities

The governance framework defines the following roles: Maintainer – Responsible for technical evolution. Guardian – Protects determinism and integrity principles. Auditor – Validates compliance and verification processes. Certification Authority – Grants and manages certification status.

4. Change Management Process

All major changes SHALL undergo: • Public proposal phase • Technical impact review • Determinism verification • Formal approval • Version increment. Minor updates require documented compatibility validation.

5. Ethical Stewardship Principles

DigiEmu Core governance prioritizes infrastructure integrity, explicit knowledge handling, transparency, and long-term stability. Governance decisions MUST preserve determinism and auditability.

6. Transparency & Documentation

All governance decisions SHALL be recorded in formal documentation, including release notes, DEC records, and policy updates. Public documentation MUST reflect current authoritative state.

7. Conflict Resolution

Disputes regarding specification interpretation SHALL be resolved through formal governance review. Final authority resides with the Governance Authority.

8. Certification Oversight

Certification processes operate under governance supervision. Certification criteria updates MUST NOT retroactively invalidate valid certified systems within their certification window.

9. Version Governance Alignment

This framework operates in alignment with the DigiEmu Versioning & Stability Policy. Breaking changes require MAJOR version increment and formal review.

10. Enterprise Compliance Alignment

Enterprise adopters MAY integrate DigiEmu governance into internal compliance programs. The governance framework supports regulatory traceability and structured audit environments.