



**Technical Advisory Council Conference Call – 8:00am PST  
Thursday 16 January 2020**

**1. Call to Order / Roll Call**

**a. Members of the Technical Advisory Council**

- i. Stephen Walli (Microsoft)
- ii. Dave Thaler (Microsoft)\* Chair
- iii. John Haxby (Oracle)\*
- iv. Mike Bursell (Red Hat)\*
- v. Simon Johnson (Intel)\*
- vi. Gorav Arora (Thales)
- vii. Seth Knox (Outreach chair)
- viii. Jethro Beekman (Fortanix)
- ix. Richard Searle (Fortanix)
- x. Faiyaz Shahpurwala (Fortanix)
- xi. Stephano Cetola (Linux Foundation)

**b. Not in attendance**

- i. Xiaoning Li – (Alibaba)\*
- ii. Zhipeng Huang – (Huawei)\*
- iii. Brandon Baker (Google)\*
- iv. Grant Likely (Arm)\*

\*voting member

**2. Agenda Items & Motions**

- a. The council approves the minutes of the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- b. CCC definition and scope was discussed.
  - i. The main discussion focused around “narrow” or “broad” definitions and scope. There was a general feeling that a broader scope is ideal as that will bring more projects to us and we can then use our axis as decision criteria for acceptance. Discussion focused on if we need to narrow our axis or how we define the projects we might accept.
  - ii. It was mentioned that there is quite a bit of work to do in the industry around defining hardware TEEs and how to provide confidential computing using hardware or ISA features. Perhaps we should consider supporting any open source projects (software or hardware) that enable the adoption and usage of this type of hardware.
  - iii. It is important to consider the Gartner definition, and how we influence them so that our definitions align better. As mentioned, their definition has issues, specifically contradictory definitions in press releases.
  - iv. Based on outreach and this meeting, consensus is leaning toward the “narrow” scope in (ii), though there is some conversation still left to be had.
- c. The January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be extended to 2 hours.

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- d. Stephano will send out separate emails to the list for the topics that were not covered today.

### **3. Action Items**

- a. [Stephano] Determine if the last meeting was recorded and if so, place a link to that recording in Groups.io. [DONE]
- b. [Stephano] Send out an email to the list to decide how often and when we should meet. [DONE]
- c. [Dave] Summarize the discussion around CCC definition and scope for the Governing Board.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:04 am PST on January 16, 2020. The next conference call is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Respectfully submitted by Stephano Cetola, Acting Secretary, on January 16, 2020.**