

Proposal for Technical Charter process (1/3)

Five new questions raised since last board meeting:

1. Is Legal Committee review optional or mandatory?
 - Propose: not mandatory, only invoked if Governing Board has legal questions
 - Rationale: minimum viable governance
2. Technical Charter template implies a particular governance structure. Is it ok to modify those sections in the Technical Charter?
 - Propose: Absolutely!
 - Rationale: current TAC consensus that projects are free to govern themselves with whatever structure they want

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3. Does TAC get to review Technical Charter before board vote?
 - Propose: yes, submit along with project submission, for TAC review
 - Rationale: Technical Charter contains text about project governance structure, and TAC is the interface between the board and the project
4. Mechanically, how are the project submission proposal and Technical Charter sent to the board?
 - Propose: submitted by TAC chair upon passing Technical Review
 - Rationale:
 - Simplifies submission for both docs to use same process
 - Board knows that TAC has approved specific versions of docs

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5. Does it matter which format the Technical Charter is sent in (PDF, Word, Markdown, ...)? And does it matter if the copy added to the project's repo after approval is in a different format from what the board approved?
- Propose: Doesn't matter, as long as the content is readable
 - Rationale: TAC today doesn't care which format the project submission is in

Actual text covering all five:

<https://github.com/confidential-computing/governance/pull/60>

Transitioning to this process

- We have 3 projects that already passed TAC Technical Review (Graphene, TCF, Keystone)
 - TAC has not seen a Technical Charter for any of them
- Strawman transition plan for those 3 projects only:
 1. Board approves Technical Charter process (with any amendments needed)
 2. Projects send proposed charters directly to Board
 3. TAC chair forwards notices to TAC if TAC has not already seen them
 4. TAC is welcome to, but not required, to review Technical Charters (since TAC did not review the Technical Charters for the first 3 projects either)
 5. Board proceeds according to normal process without having to wait for TAC review of Technical Charters
- Technical charters of first 6 projects can be amended if needed, as part of Annual Review process