Open Mainframe Project Overview and Governance

OPEN MAINFRAME PROJECT

The Open Mainframe Project was founded in 2015, as a focal point for deployment and use of Linux and Open Source in a mainframe computing environment.

Open Source is the collective thread within leading organizations that look to leverage their technology infrastructure as a competitive advantage. The mainframe design principles of security, stability, scalability, and performance are important to these leading organizations, and having the mainframe interoperable in a hybrid infrastructure enables leading organizations to realize its benefits. Open Mainframe Project believes this is best achieved as a community through open source.

Open Mainframe Project hosts 17 projects and working groups and is supported by 40 organizations.

Vision
The mainframe is an active, integrated, and essential part of modern enterprise IT, consumable by mainstream developers and users, and driven by a vibrant open source community.

Mission
To achieve the vision of the Open Mainframe Project by…

Setting a high bar for application development on the mainframe
through documentation, API development, and a security-first approach.

Showcase the mainframe of today
to both the mainframe ecosystem as well as the broad enterprise IT community.

Enable the mainframe to be more consumable by developers
with a transparent experience in leveraging the value propositions of the mainframe.

Ensure the mainframe aligns well in the changing enterprise IT landscape
of cloud-native and DevOps.
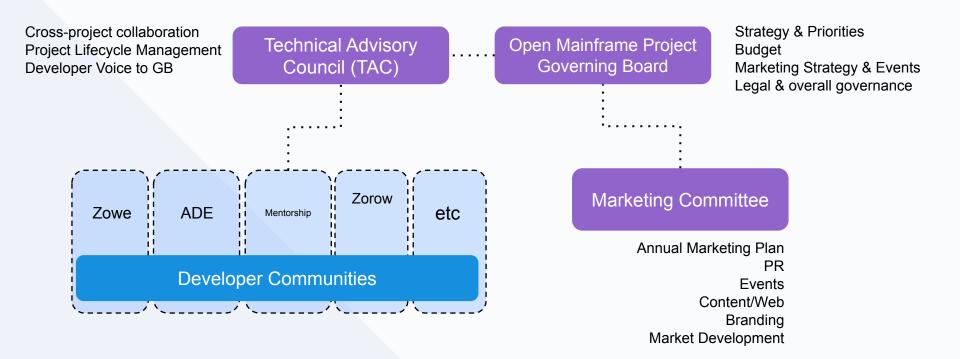
Member Organizations

We're a nonprofit, but not separately incorporated

- The Open Mainframe Project is part of the [the Linux Foundation](#) and is not a separate legal entity
- Therefore, the Open Mainframe Project Governing Board is not a corporate board of directors, and is not subject to corporate law statutes (e.g., those that govern fiduciary duties and how corporate boards of directors must operate)
- The powers and duties of the Governing Board are set forth in the [Open Mainframe Project Charter](#)

Open Mainframe Project Governance at a glance

Cross-project collaboration
Project Lifecycle Management
Developer Voice to GB

Technical Advisory Council (TAC)

Open Mainframe Project Governing Board

Strategy & Priorities
Budget
Marketing Strategy & Events
Legal & overall governance

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Developer Communities

Marketing Committee

Annual Marketing Plan
PR
Events
Content/Web
Branding
Market Development

Key Governing Bodies and Committees

- Business & Marketing Leadership
  - Governing Board (Governing Board)
    - Budget Committee
    - Legal Committee
  - Marketing Committee
- Technical Leadership
  - Technical Advisory Council (TAC)
    - You can review the TAC meeting information and upcoming schedule and join the mailing list
  - Hosted Projects and Working Groups

Governing Board Responsibilities

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The Governing Board's responsibilities include:

- Approving the Open Mainframe Project budget, directing the use of funds to advance the mission of the Open Mainframe Project;

- Providing financial governance overall;

- Voting on other decisions that come before the Governing Board.

Additional responsibilities are described in Section 3 of the Open Mainframe Project Charter.

What the Governing Board is NOT responsible for

- The Governing Board does **not** make technical decisions for Open Mainframe Project other than working with the [TAC](#) to set the overall scope for the Open Mainframe Project.

- The Governing Board is **not** responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations of Open Mainframe Project. This is the responsibility of the foundation staff.

- The Governing Board is **not** a Board of Directors; it is a committee that provides budget oversight and direction. There are no personal liabilities for individual Governing Board representatives.

Governing Board Operations

Governing Board Composition

- The Governing Board voting members consist of:
    - One representative appointed from each Platinum Member; and
    - One representative appointed from each Platinum End-User Member;
    - One Silver Member representative for every 10 Silver Members; with no more than three Silver Member representatives;
    - One Academic Institution Member representative for every 10 Academic Institution Members; with no more than three Academic Institution Member representatives;
    - The TAC Chair.
- See Section 3(a) of the Open Mainframe Project Charter for more information about composition.

Governing Board Representatives

Len Santalucia
Chair
CTO
Vicom Infinity, Inc.

Alan Clark
CTO Office
SUSE LLC

Cam Seay
Instructor
East Carolina University

Harry Williams
CTO
Marist College

Martin Kennedy
MD
Citi

Meredith Stowell
VP, IBM Z Ecosystem
International Business Machines Corporation

Paul Wade
Rocket Software, Inc.

Peter Wassel
Director, Product Management
Broadcom Corporation

Phil Tully
LinuxONE Engineering Operations Director
Citi

Victor Giusto
Sr. Director Technical Services
Automatic Data Processing, Inc. (ADP)

Governing Board Chairperson

Duties of the Governing Board Chairperson include:

- Oversee the day-to-day operational decisions of the Open Mainframe Project.

- Work with the project staff to prepare the agenda for Governing Board meetings.

- Be a spokesperson for the Open Mainframe Project and the Governing Board, as needed

See Section 3(c) of the Open Mainframe Project Charter for more information about the chairperson role.

Meeting Cadence

- The Governing Board has virtual regular meetings, generally once a quarter, on the 2nd Wednesday of the 2nd month of the quarter.

- The Governing Board meets in person for an annual strategic planning session in late Q3/Q4, typically around an event. More details on this will be shared towards the beginning of Q3.

- In rare and exceptional circumstances (e.g., in an emergency situation), an additional ad hoc special meeting of the Governing Board may be convened.
  - To request a special meeting, please email your request to the Project Staff and Governing Board Chair, and they will decide whether a special meeting is necessary or the proposed agenda item can be discussed by email or at the next regular meeting.
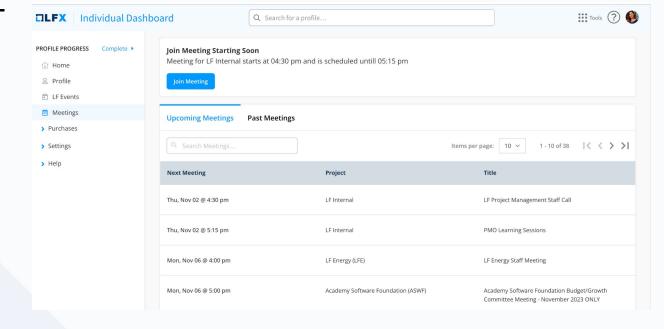
2024 Governing Board Meeting Schedule

All meetings from 2:00pm - 3:30pm US Eastern time unless noted.

➔ February 14, 2024

➔ May 8, 2024

➔ August 14, 2024

➔ November 13, 2024

Meeting will be on your calendar, and available at openprofile.dev/my-calendar

How to Propose an Agenda Item

- If you would like to propose an agenda item for discussion at a Governing Board meeting, please submit your proposal to the Open Mainframe Project Director & the Governing Board Chair.
- Please include in your request:
  - A description of the topic
  - Board resolution or discussion-only item
  - Requested amount of time to discuss the item
- Please submit your proposed agenda item at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

Proposing an agenda item (continued)

- Please be patient. Our board meeting agendas are often very full. If we cannot accommodate your request in the upcoming meeting we may:
  - Wait until the following meeting to discuss the topic
  - Call a special meeting to discuss your topic, or
  - Refer the topic to the appropriate committee or task force of the Governing Board.
- We may ask you to provide slides 5 days before the meeting, and slides are subject to change (with your approval) to fit the broader meeting slide deck.

Governing Board Materials

- Agendas and exhibits for Governing Board meetings will be made available one week prior to the scheduled meeting
  - The FINAL deck will be made available one day prior to the meeting.
- Past meeting materials can be found [here](#).
- All meeting materials are confidential and for the view of Governing Board representatives and their alternates ONLY, unless otherwise specified.
  - No meeting of the Governing Board is recorded unless the Governing Board provides explicit consent to do so.

Discussion Channels

Relevant Mailing Lists

- Governing Board: omp-board@lists.openmainframeproject.org
- TAC: omp-technical@lists.openmainframeproject.org
- Budget Committee: omp-budget@lists.openmainframeproject.org

Slack Channel

- You can [join Open Mainframe Project slack here](#).
- To join the Governing Board slack channel, make a request at members.openmainframeproject.org.

Budget Committee

- The Budget Committee is lead by the Governing Board Treasurer and collaborates with the Open Mainframe Project staff to develop and review the Open Mainframe Project budget.
- Any Governing Board representative may join (not alternates)
- Meets generally quarterly on the Wednesday of the week before the Governing Board meeting

ACTION: If you want to participate in the Budget Committee, make a request at members.openmainframeproject.org.

Legal Committee

- The Legal Committee makes recommendations to the Governing Board regarding license exception requests from Open Mainframe Project projects and other questions submitted to the Legal Committee by the Governing Board.

- The Legal Committee does not represent Open Mainframe Project and does not have an attorney-client relationship with Open Mainframe Project.

- Meets on an as needed basis.

- Governing Boards may attend only if accompanied by their legal counsel.

Policies and Other Resources

Important Open Mainframe Project Policies and Resources

- [Open Mainframe Project Charter](#)
- [Linux Foundation Antitrust Policy](#)
- [Project GitHub repository](#) with many other public facing policies and materials including…
  - [Elections Process](#)
  - [Open Mainframe Project hosted project charters](#), which define each project's intellectual property and licensing policies.
- [OMP Landscape](#)
- [High Level Overview](#)

LFX Organization Dashboard

LFX Organization Dashboard provides access to key membership materials, including…

- Member contacts, which you can change at any time (look under 'Users' > and then under the 'Key People' tab)

- Membership details (look under 'Membership' > 'Open Mainframe Project'), including…
    - Membership Overview Deck and High Level Overview Deck (look under the 'Resources' tab)
    - Your fully executed membership agreement (look under the 'Membership' tab)
    - Details on how to leverage membership benefits (look under the 'Benefits' tab)
    - Insights on contributors from your organization (look under the 'Project Contributors' tab)

ACTION: Request access to LFX Organizational Dashboard here.

Open Mainframe Project Staff

- [John Mertic](#), Executive Director

- [Maemalynn Meanor](#), Director of PR & Communications

- [Yarille Ortiz](#), Project Coordinator

- [Gary Schillinger](#), Podcast Producer

- [Deb Giles](#), Open Mainframe Summit and Events

Contact us at [members.openmainframeproject.org](#)

Who's Who in the Academy Software Foundation

- [Open Mainframe Project Members](#)
- Staff: [Open Mainframe Project Staff](#), [Linux Foundation Leadership](#)
- [Governing Board Members](#)
- [Technical Advisory Council Members](#)
- [Open Mainframe Project Project and Working Group Leads](#)

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Thank you!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the staff at:
members.openmainframeproject.org.