

Authentication Governance Record

Transition to Email-Based Authentication (Removal of Gmail Dependency)

Executive Purpose

This record governs the removal of Gmail-only authentication dependency and the adoption of a provider-neutral, email-based authentication model for Agile AI University.

Current State & Risk

Authentication is currently restricted to Google accounts, creating institutional credibility risk, participant friction, and scalability limitations.

Target State

Authentication must be email-based, vendor-neutral, passwordless, auditable, and decoupled from credential authority.

Approved Authentication Model

Firebase Email Link Authentication (passwordless) is approved due to its security, neutrality, scalability, and auditability.

Role & Authority Separation

Authentication establishes identity only. All authority remains governed by institutional registries and admin-controlled entitlements.

Transition Strategy

A phased, non-disruptive transition will be followed, with parallel enablement, natural adoption, and final dependency removal.

Security & Compliance

No passwords are handled. Authentication tokens are managed by Firebase. This change reduces long-term security risk.

Governance Constraints

Provider-locked authentication, password-based login, or credential-provider binding are prohibited without further board approval.

Board Declaration

Upon approval, this record authorizes implementation and enables Phase-C execution.