

# Governing Board Overview

February 2025



# LF Energy Overview and Governance



# What is LF Energy?

Linux Foundation Energy (LF Energy) is an **independent, member-funded non-profit** organization whose purpose is to **accelerate the energy transition** through **collaboration** on **open source technologies and standards**.

We are part of the Linux Foundation, the largest shared technology investment in the world.

# Members

**LF ENERGY**

## LF Energy Member - Strategic (5) +1



## LF Energy Member - General (21) +1



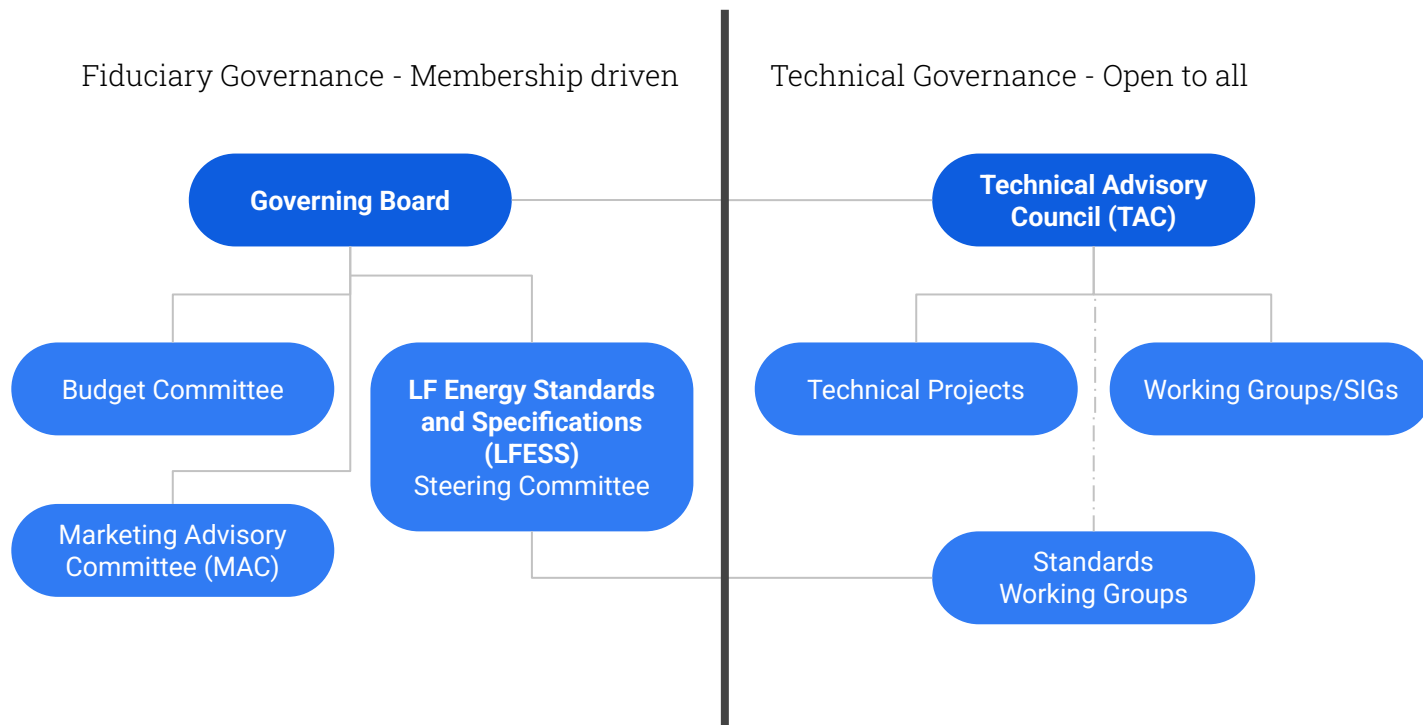
## LF Energy Member - Associate (41) +3



## We're a nonprofit, but not separately incorporated

- The LF Energy Foundation is part of the [the Linux Foundation](#) and is not a separate legal entity
- Therefore, the LF Energy Foundation 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 [LF Energy Foundation Charter](#)

# Governance at a Glance



# Key Governing Bodies and Committees

- Business & Marketing Leadership
  - Governing Board (Governing Board)
    - Budget Committee
    - Legal Committee
  - [Marketing Advisory 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 LF Energy budget, directing the use of funds to advance the mission of the LF Energy Foundation;
- Directing marketing and outreach efforts;
- Providing financial governance overall;
- Voting on other decisions that come before the Governing Board.

Additional responsibilities are described in [Section 3](#) of the LF Energy Foundation Charter.

# Governing Board Chairperson

Duties of the Governing Board Chairperson include:

- Oversee the day-to-day operational decisions of the LF Energy Foundation.
- Work with the foundation staff to prepare the agenda for Governing Board meetings.
- Be a spokesperson for the LF Energy Foundation and the Governing Board, as needed

See [Section 3\(d\)](#) of the LF Energy Foundation Charter for more information about the chairperson role.

# What the Governing Board is NOT responsible for

- The Governing Board does **not** make technical decisions for LF Energy Foundation other than working with the [TAC](#) to set the overall scope for the LF Energy Foundation.
- The Governing Board is **not** responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations of LF Energy Foundation. This is the responsibility of the foundation staff.

# Governing Board Operations



# Governing Board Composition

- The Governing Board voting members consist of:
  - One representative appointed from each Strategic member; and
  - General member elected representatives (if any)
  - The TAC Chairperson
- See [Section 3\(a\)](#) of the LF Energy Foundation Charter for more information about composition.

# Governing Board voting representatives

**OLF**ENERGY



**Lucian Balea**  
Chair  
Open Source  
Program Director  
RTE (Reseau de  
Transport  
dElectricite)



**Antonello Monti**  
Professor  
RWTH Aachen  
University



**Arjan Stam**  
Treasurer  
Value Stream Lead  
Alliander



**Audrey Lee**  
Senior Director,  
Energy Strategy  
Microsoft  
Corporation



**Bryce Bartmann**  
Chief Digital  
Technology Advisor  
Shell International  
Exploration &  
Production, Inc.



**Christophe  
VILLEMER**  
Executive Vice  
President  
Savoir-faire Linux



**Jordan Hughes**  
Senior Software  
Engineer  
Apple Inc.



**Marco Möller**  
CEO  
Pionix GmbH



**Savannah  
Goodman**  
Data and Software  
Climate Solutions  
Google LLC

# Governing Board Meetings



# Meeting Cadence

- The Governing Board has monthly virtual regular meetings, generally on the first Wednesday of each month.
- Format for the meetings alternates between a formal business meeting and strategy session.
  - At the formal business meetings, voting will often take place.
  - For the strategy meetings, the Governing Board will align on a topic to discuss at the previous business meeting.
- 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 the Executive Director 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.



# Governing Board Meeting Schedule for 2025



Planned meetings of the Governing Board for 2025 - all meetings to be held at 8:00 am US Pacific Time/5:00 pm Central European Time on the first Wednesday of the month unless noted in *italics*.

## Regular Meeting

8 January

5 March

7 May

2 July

3 September\*

5 November

## Strategic Meeting

5 February

2 April

4 June

6 August

1 October

3 December

*\* subject to change pending LFE Summit timing*

# 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 LF Energy Foundation Executive 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
- For a regular Governing Board meeting, please submit your proposed agenda item at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
- For a Strategy Session, 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:  
[board@lists.lfenergy.org](mailto:board@lists.lfenergy.org)
- TAC: [tac@lists.lfenergy.org](mailto:tac@lists.lfenergy.org)
- Budget Committee:  
[budget@lists.lfenergy.org](mailto:budget@lists.lfenergy.org)
- Marketing Advisory Committee:  
[mac@lists.lfenergy.org](mailto:mac@lists.lfenergy.org)

## Slack Channel

- You can [join LF Energy slack here](#).
- To join the Governing Board slack channel, make a request at [members.lfenergy.org](https://members.lfenergy.org).

# Governing Board Committees



# Budget Committee

- The Budget Committee is lead by the Governing Board Treasurer and collaborates with the LF Energy Foundation staff to develop and review the LF Energy 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.lfenergy.org](https://members.lfenergy.org).

# Legal Committee

- The Legal Committee makes recommendations to the Governing Board regarding license exception requests from LF Energy Foundation projects and other questions submitted to the Legal Committee by the Governing Board.
- The Legal Committee does not represent LF Energy and does not have an attorney-client relationship with LF Energy Foundation.
- Meets on an as needed basis.
- Governing Boards may attend only if accompanied by their legal counsel.



# Policies and Other Resources

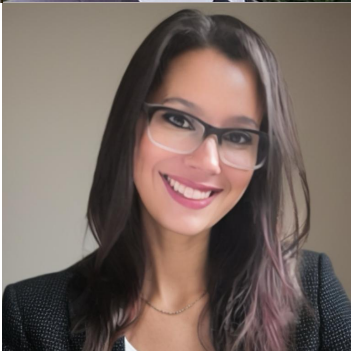


# Important LF Energy Foundation Policies and Resources

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

# LF Energy staff

- [Alex Thornton](#), LF Energy Executive Director
- [Dan Brown](#), Marketing Director
- [John Mertic](#), Program Director
- [Yarille Ortiz](#), Sr. Project Coordinator
- [James Sullivan](#), Membership Solutions



*Member support requests of the staff can be made at [members.lfenergy.org](https://members.lfenergy.org). Community and project requests can be made at [servicedesk.lfenergy.org](https://servicedesk.lfenergy.org).*

# 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' > 'LF Energy Foundation' ), 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](#).

# Who's Who in the LF Energy Foundation

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



Thank you!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the staff at [members.lfenergy.org](https://members.lfenergy.org).