

Governing Board Overview

2026



LF Energy Overview and Governance



What is LF Energy?

LF Energy is the community for digital experts to collaborate on open industrial-grade technology platforms and agile standards that accelerate the energy transition.

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



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Members

Strategic (6)



General (23)



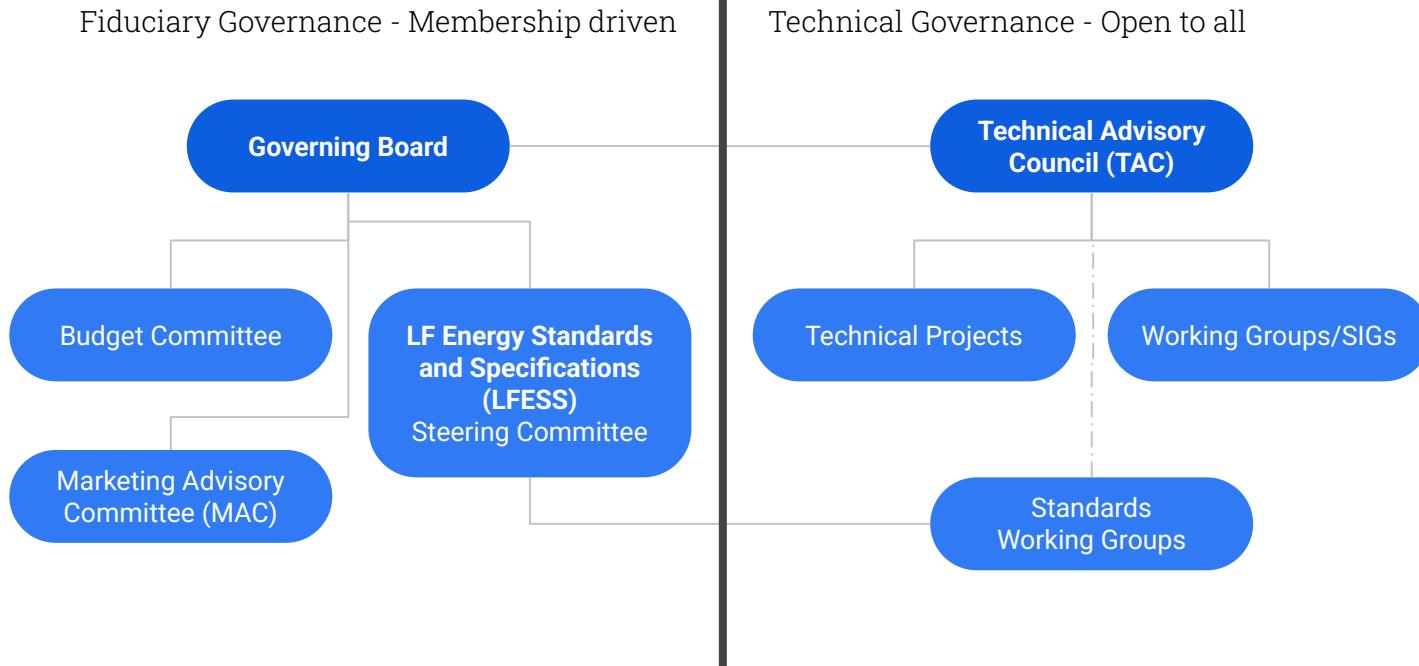
Associate (45)



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.

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 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.

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



Lucian Balea Chair Open Source Program Director RTE (Reseau de Transport d'Electricite)	Andy Chu Product Apple Inc.	Antonello Monti TAC Representative Professor RWTH Aachen University	Arjan Stam Treasurer Value Stream Lead Alliander
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Christophe VILLEMER General Member Representative Executive Vice President Savoir-faire Linux	Laurent Boinot Power & Utility Leader Microsoft	Marco Möller General Member Representative CEO Pionix GmbH	Naresh Kumar Gajendran Head of Digital Commercialisation and Open Source Shell International Exploration & Production, Inc.
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Savannah Goodman Data and Software Climate Solutions Google LLC	Sébastien Lussier R&D Manager of Information Systems and High Performance Computing Hydro-Québec
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Governing Board Meetings

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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

*9 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
- TAC: tac@lists.lfenergy.org
- Budget Committee:
budget@lists.lfenergy.org
- Marketing Advisory Committee:
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.

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.

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

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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



*Support requests for the staff can be made at
support.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.