

NIEM Technical Architecture Committee (NTAC) Governance

This document amplifies the [NIEM Open community governance](#) document. It incorporates all provisions of that document. In case of conflict, that parent document controls. This document changes infrequently by the process defined below.

Responsibilities

The NTAC is responsible for transforming the business requirements of NIEM into the technical architecture of NIEM Open. This includes:

- All technical specifications
- Conformance of NIEM model artifacts with those technical specifications
- The design (but not the execution) of the NIEM release workflow and artifacts.
- A tool strategy, requirements and desiderata for software tools supporting developers who design NIEM-conforming message specifications and/or implement software that creates or consumes NIEM-conforming messages.
- The adapter, external, and utility schema documents in the XML Schema representation of the NIEM data model.

Composition

The NTAC must at all times have a chair or two co-chairs. The NTAC chair or co-chairs are appointed by the PGB and serve staggered two-year terms, renewable by the PGB.

The PGB delegates the authority to approve other NTAC voting members to the co-chairs in accordance with [Open Project Rules](#) and with notification to the PGB. Nominees for NTAC voting members can be submitted by any individual to the NTAC chairs. Voting members serve ordinarily for a 2 year renewable term.

NTAC observers may be admitted to any meeting at the discretion of the NTAC chairs.

Decisions

For most decisions, the NTAC operates by [lazy consensus](#). The following decisions are made by agreement of the co-chairs:

- Appointment of the NTAC voting member as an Expert Voting on the PGB ([according to Open Projects Rule 5.1](#)) on a rotating basis.

The NTAC may, at its own discretion, delegate authority on minor technical decisions to Maintainers in the community, including but not limited to:

- Tagging of *minor versions* of a project
- Creation and merging/removal of feature branches
- Acceptance or rejection of specific defects, feature requests, user stories
- Merging of pull requests

Decisions on the following items must be made based on a [Simple Majority Vote](#)

- Creation of a new repository and appointment of one or more Maintainers to the repository.
- Tagging / releasing of a new *major version* of a project
- Recommending work to the PGB for promotion to the standards track

Updating Governance

All substantive changes in Governance require a [full majority vote](#) of the PGB.