



# Governing Board Overview





# 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



Learn more about membership at [openmainframeproject.org/join](https://openmainframeproject.org/join)



# 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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Mentorship

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etc

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.



Geoffrey Decker  
**Academic  
Member  
Representative**  
Instructor  
Northern Illinois  
University



Idival Amaro  
Broadcom  
Corporation



Meredith Stowell  
VP, IBM Z  
Ecosystem  
International  
Business  
Machines  
Corporation



Mike  
Friesenegger  
**TAC  
Representative**  
Solution Architect  
SUSE Software  
Solutions  
Germany GmbH



Phil Tully  
LinuxONE  
Engineering  
Operations  
Director  
Citi



Vincent Terrone  
Vicom Infinity, Inc.



# 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.





# Governing Board Meetings



# 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.



# 2025 Governing Board meeting schedule



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

→ February 12, 2025

→ May 7, 2025

→ August 13, 2025

→ November 12, 2025

Meeting will be on your  
calendar, and available at  
[openprofile.dev/my-calendar](https://openprofile.dev/my-calendar)

The screenshot shows the OLFX Individual Dashboard. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Home, Profile, LF Events, Meetings (highlighted), Purchases, Settings, and Help. The main content area has a search bar at the top. Below it, a section titled 'Join Meeting Starting Soon' indicates a meeting for LF Internal starts at 04:30 pm and is scheduled until 05:15 pm, with a 'Join Meeting' button. The 'Upcoming Meetings' section is active, displaying a table of upcoming meetings. The table has columns for 'Next Meeting', 'Project', and 'Title'. It lists four meetings: 1) Thu, Nov 02 @ 4:30 pm for LF Internal (LF Project Management Staff Call), 2) Thu, Nov 02 @ 5:15 pm for LF Internal (PMO Learning Sessions), 3) Mon, Nov 06 @ 4:00 pm for LF Energy (LFE) (LF Energy Staff Meeting), and 4) Mon, Nov 06 @ 5:00 pm for Academy Software Foundation (ASWF) (Academy Software Foundation Budget/Growth Committee Meeting - November 2023 ONLY). The interface also includes a 'Past Meetings' tab, a search bar for meetings, and pagination controls showing 10 items per page and 1 - 10 of 38 items.

Next Meeting	Project	Title
Thu, Nov 02 @ 4:30 pm	LF Internal	LF Project Management Staff Call
Thu, Nov 02 @ 5:15 pm	LF Internal	PMO Learning Sessions
Mon, Nov 06 @ 4:00 pm	LF Energy (LFE)	LF Energy Staff Meeting
Mon, Nov 06 @ 5:00 pm	Academy Software Foundation (ASWF)	Academy Software Foundation Budget/Growth Committee Meeting - November 2023 ONLY



# 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](mailto:omp-board@lists.openmainframeproject.org)
- TAC: [omp-technical@lists.openmainframeproject.org](mailto:omp-technical@lists.openmainframeproject.org)
- Budget Committee: [omp-budget@lists.openmainframeproject.org](mailto: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](https://members.openmainframeproject.org).





# Governing Board Committees



# 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](https://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](https://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](#)





# Thank you!

*If you have any questions, feel free to  
contact the staff at:*

*[members.openmainframeproject.org](https://members.openmainframeproject.org)*