

## **Phase Closeout Report**

### **Cloud Governance Foundation – Phase One**

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#### **1. Phase Identification**

- **Project Name:** Cloud Governance Foundation
  - **Phase:** Phase One – Governance Validation
  - **Phase Duration:** December 2025 – January 2026
  - **Project Manager:** Robert Lasco
  - **Phase Status:** Closed
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#### **2. Phase Objectives Recap**

Phase One was intended to:

- Establish governance intent for identity and logging at the account level
  - Validate the existence and state of governance-relevant controls
  - Capture audit-defensible evidence using CLI-based, read-only methods
  - Maintain strict scope guardrails separating governance validation from engineering implementation
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#### **3. Scope Summary**

##### **In-Scope (Completed)**

- Governance design and framing
- Identity governance validation using AWS CLI
- CloudTrail logging validation using AWS CLI
- Evidence capture, sanitization, and indexing
- Framework alignment at the intent level (NIST RMF, NIST CSF, AWS Shared Responsibility Model)

## **Out-of-Scope (Not Performed)**

- Custom IAM policy engineering
- Enforcement or remediation activities
- Organization-level governance expansion
- Continuous monitoring or automation
- Compliance certification readiness

Scope adherence was maintained throughout the phase.

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## **4. Deliverables Completed**

The following Phase One deliverables were completed and baselined:

- Project Charter
- Scope and Guardrails
- Implementation Plan
- Risk Register
- Decision Log
- Weekly Status Reports
- Evidence Index
- Stakeholder Register
- Communications Plan

All deliverables align with PMI expectations for controlled phase execution and phase-level governance oversight.

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## **5. Evidence and Validation Summary**

- Governance validation was performed using AWS CLI in a read-only posture
- Sanitized JSON outputs were captured and stored in a public-safe repository
- Evidence artifacts were indexed to governance intent and validation method

- Evidence integrity and traceability were verified prior to phase closure

No evidence gaps remain for Phase One objectives.

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## **6. Risk and Issue Closure**

- No critical risks materialized during Phase One
  - Identified risks related to scope misinterpretation were mitigated through documentation and decision logging
  - No unresolved issues remain open at phase close. Identified risks are carried forward for future phase consideration where applicable.
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## **7. Decisions Finalized**

Key decisions confirmed at phase closure:

- Phase One is validation-only and does not imply compliance certification
- Advanced configurations and enforcement are deferred to future phases
- CLI-based validation is the authoritative evidence standard

All decisions are documented in the Decision Log.

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## **8. Stakeholder Acceptance**

Phase One outcomes are considered accepted when:

- Governance intent is clearly documented
- Evidence is available and traceable
- Phase results are communicated to relevant stakeholders

Formal sign-off is not required for this phase due to its validation-only nature.

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## **9. Transition and Next Phase Considerations**

Phase One outputs enable future phases focused on:

- Governance enforcement design

- Continuous monitoring and automation
- Expanded framework alignment
- Organization-level governance maturity

No immediate follow-on phase is initiated as part of this closeout.

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## **10. Phase Closure Statement**

Phase One of the Cloud Governance Foundation project is formally closed. All planned objectives were met within approved scope, constraints, and governance guardrails. The phase produced credible, audit-defensible evidence demonstrating governance readiness and execution discipline.