

Decision Log

Cloud Governance Foundation – Phase One

1. Purpose of This Decision Log

This Decision Log documents material decisions made during Phase One execution, including rationale, impacts, and scope implications. Its purpose is to ensure transparency, preserve intent, and provide traceability for governance, audit, and interview review.

2. Decision Log

Decision ID	Date	Decision Summary	Decision Rationale	Impact Assessment	Status
D-01	Dec 2025	Limit Phase One to governance validation and readiness, excluding enforcement	Prevents scope creep into engineering ownership and preserves governance intent	Reduced implementation risk; clear role boundaries	Approved
D-02	Dec 2025	Treat identity governance as intent-level validation without custom IAM policy creation	Aligns with read-only posture and avoids production impact	Limits technical depth but improves audit defensibility	Approved
D-03	Dec 2025	Use AWS CLI exclusively for evidence collection	Ensures repeatability, traceability, and audit credibility	Increased documentation effort; stronger evidence quality	Approved
D-04	Dec 2025	Sanitize all CLI outputs for public portfolio use	Enables GitHub publication without security risk	Requires additional review step; preserves safety	Approved

D-05	Jan 2026	Validate CloudTrail presence but defer advanced logging configuration	Maintains governance scope while avoiding deep operational changes	Limits coverage to account-level logging; acceptable for Phase One	Approved
D-06	Jan 2026	Map governance intent to NIST RMF and CSF without claiming certification readiness	Prevents misinterpretation of compliance claims	Avoids audit or legal overreach	Approved
D-07	Jan 2026	Close Phase One upon completion of validation and documentation, not enforcement	Aligns closure with controllable deliverables	Enables formal closure without waiting on future work	Approved

All Phase One decisions were approved within the defined governance authority of the Project Manager and did not require escalation.

3. Decision Evaluation Criteria

Decisions were evaluated using the following criteria:

- Alignment with approved scope and guardrails
 - Risk to production systems
 - Audit and portfolio safety
 - Impact on timeline and deliverables
 - Role and responsibility boundaries
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4. Change Control Integration

- Decisions that affect scope, timing, or risk are logged here
 - No scope changes are executed without a recorded decision
 - Deferred actions are explicitly documented rather than silently omitted
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5. Decision Ownership

- Project Manager is accountable for documenting and maintaining this log
 - Technical execution decisions are documented without assuming engineering authority
 - Governance and scope decisions are prioritized over optimization
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6. Phase One Decision Closure

All Phase One decisions are reviewed during closeout to confirm:

- Alignment with delivered scope
- No undocumented changes occurred
- Deferred decisions are clearly identified for future phases and documented as out-of-scope for Phase One