

Phase Closeout Report

Cloud Governance Foundation – Phase One

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.