

OpenID Foundation Board of Director Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2025

Attendees

- Nat Sakimura
- Dima Postnikov
- Nancy Cam-Winget
- Marie Jordan
- Tim Cappalli
- Sam Srinivas
- Mike Jones
- Mark Verstege
- George Fletcher
- Adam Sommer
- Osamu Oshima
- Kosuke Kowai
- Wes Dunnington
- Dirk Balfanz
- John Bradley
- Atul Tulshibagwale
- Aaron Parecki
- Francisco Leme
- Taka Kawasaki
- Ali Adnan
- Hideaki Furukawa
- Steve Venema
- Tobin South
- Dean Saxe
- Gail Hodges
- Mike Leszcz
- Mark Haine
- Joesph Heenan
- Elizabeth Garber

Agenda

- Welcome and New Board Members – Nat and Gail

- Budget Summary (Mike L)
- White Papers – Proposals + Resolutions to Approve
 - DADE (Dean or delegate)
 - Shared Signals + Financial Services (Atul or delegate)
 - Agentic AI (Tobin South)
 - Age Assurance (Rachael O’Connell)
- Board Subcommittees Formation + Resolutions to Approve (added closure of US/CAN OB Subgroup) (Gail, Mike L., Tom S)
- ISO SC27 Category C Liaison _ Opportunity to Upgrade to Category A + Resolution to Approve (Nat)
- Accreditation & Conformance Models Update (Joseph)
- Hello Update + Next Steps (Mike J + Mike L)
- Membership Update (Paul & Mike L)
- Marketing Update (Elizabeth)
- AOB

Summary of Key Items

Nat called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm PT.

Welcome and New Board Members – Nat and Gail

- Gail welcomed:
 - Taka Kawasaki from Authlete
 - Andrew Lee Rubinger from Block/TBD
 - Hideaki Furukawa from NRI

Budget Summary (Mike L)

- Current cash balance is \$2,814,794; projected year-end balance is \$2,201,277 (above forecast). Renewals stand at 100%. Certification fees are at 235.63%, total income at 149.35%, and total expenses at 61.72%, all expected to balance by year-end. No expense concerns. White paper proposals are included in the balance sheet.

White Papers – Proposals + Resolutions to Approve

- DADE (Dean Saxe) - Dean provided an overview of the proposed white paper intended for Cybersecurity Awareness Month (October 2025). The objective is to present information on digital estate planning and management, and to make recommendations regarding potential industry changes in identified areas. Additionally, the deliverables include a planning guide to assist individuals in managing their digital estates using current tools. Atul inquired if Dean had engaged with multiple platforms; Dean indicated that such engagement may occur through the development of the paper.
- Shared Signals and Financial Services (Atul) - Atul summarized the white paper addressing shared signals within the financial services sector. The document covers the fundamentals of the shared signals framework, its adoption across industries, and relevance to various

use cases. George noted the importance of addressing implications of data sharing, including its relevance to fraud rate determination. Atul welcomed ecosystem feedback, while Marie highlighted the necessity of including sections on privacy and consumer data alongside security. Dima recommended a broader focus on diverse use-cases rather than limiting discussion to financial services. Gail discussed the need for direct dialogue with financial institutions, and George emphasized defining the project's scope. Sam queried about existing ecosystem entities involved in this work; Atul responded that ODF's contribution would focus on open standards. Elizabeth mentioned a parallel foundational white paper on Shared Signals.

- **Agentic AI (Tobin South)** - Tobin gave an overview of the white paper covering developments in the AI ecosystem. He emphasized the importance of providing insights into available tools to prevent redundant efforts in authentication. Mike J. expressed interest in actionable recommendations, and Tobin reported demand from the AI community for the foundation's expertise. Aaron asked about the project timeline; Tobin projected a draft within the next month but noted that closing specification gaps will require additional time. George suggested consolidating use cases. Atul requested risk articulation so suppliers can respond accordingly. Nancy called for clarity on definitions and scope regarding AI in the paper. Dirk voiced concerns about discouraging screen scraping. Tobin stated his aim is to develop a broadly acceptable paper. Hideaki asked how recommendations will be adapted given rapid changes; Tobin mentioned the goal is to offer clear recommendations, such as specifying that agents should not impersonate humans, aiming for general consensus.
- **Age Assurance (Rachael O'Connell)** - Gail reported ongoing discussions with Rachael focusing on regulatory compliance and protocol-level guidance. George suggested emphasis on requirements at the framework level, particularly regarding sources of assurance for participants. Hideaki, referencing his ISO working group participation, recommended reviewing relevant draft materials for possible inclusion, and Gail agreed that alignment with ISO efforts is important. Dima indicated that age assurance is a broad topic and proposed clarifying the focus on children in the title. Gail concluded that, although this white paper is recently introduced, these preliminary considerations may benefit the community.

Resolutions - Dima facilitated resolutions for each white paper:

- **DADE:** A resolution was introduced to approve the white paper with a \$16K budget. Marie moved to approve and Steve seconded. There were no objections or abstentions, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Agentic AI:** A resolution for a \$16K budget was raised. Elizabeth noted the number of pending papers may affect scheduling, and Gail indicated milestone-based compensation. Nancy proposed prioritization due to varying urgency. Gail noted higher immediacy for the AI paper. The motion, made by Nancy and seconded by Steve, passed without abstentions.
- **Shared Signals:** Approval of the white paper with a \$16K budget was moved by George and seconded by Nancy, passing without abstentions or objections.
- **Age Assurance:** The white paper was approved for a \$16K budget following a motion by Nancy and a second by . There were no abstentions or objections. Mike J. recommended Denise Tayloe's participation in its preparation.

Board Subcommittees Formation + Resolutions to Approve (added closure of US/CAN OB Subgroup) (Gail, Mike L., Tom S)

- Four subcommittees were proposed: Finance and Risk, Certification and Conformance, KPI, and Mission/Vision. Board members volunteered for participation.
- Each committee was approved by motion and second, with no objections or abstentions:
 - Certification and Conformance: Motion by George, seconded by Mike J.; Francisco requested to join.
 - Finance and Risk: Motion by George, seconded by Wes.
 - KPI: Motion by Nancy, seconded by Marie.
 - Mission/Vision: Dima volunteered; motion by Mike J., seconded by George.

Resolution to Close US/CA Open Banking Subgroup

- With its objectives met, activity in this subgroup has ceased recently due to the political climate. Adam suggested combining it with broader FDX engagement, and future discussions will occur in the FAPI working group. George moved to dissolve the subgroup, John seconded, and the resolution passed without objections or abstentions.

ISO SC17/SC27 Category C Liaison _ Opportunity to Upgrade to Category A + Resolution to Approve (Nat)

- Nat presented the proposal to upgrade OI DF's liaison status with ISO from Category C to A for SC17/SC27, noting there is no associated cost or risk. OI DF already holds Category A status with TC68. The upgrade would give OI DF the same standing as national bodies but not voting rights. Gail confirmed no staffing costs or foreseeable risks. A resolution to approve the upgrade was introduced, moved by John Bradley, seconded by Steve, and passed without objections or abstentions.

Accreditation & Conformance Models Update (Joseph)

- Gail updated on accreditation and conformance models, with Mark evaluating options like ISO for possible adaptation by OI DF. MOSIP is interested in an alternative model, while the EU cannot have OI DF run tests but may reference its specifications. Since OI DF lacks prior experience, creating additional documents would require significant effort and could reduce flexibility. George warned of financial risks and uncertainty around third-party implementation, noting no current revenue opportunities in Europe. Gail recommended engagement, with further details to be addressed by the strategic task force and new subcommittee.

Hello Update + Next Steps (Mike J + Mike L)

- Mike J. addressed the outdated member login, which will be replaced by Hello for a smoother transition. Dick Hardt is drafting an email to inform members about the update. The goal is to avoid losing any members during this process, which should also reduce fragmentation. The EC approved the transition once the email is ready. Mike L. mentioned the team will handle both the email and inquiries, with milestones shared with the Board. The new system is live on the staging site, and Mike confirmed there are no associated costs when Wes inquired.

Membership Update (Paul & Mike L)

- Mike L. provided an update on the membership and renewals are at 100% at this time. The current snapshot is 439 members (YoY growth at 20%).
- Paul's KPIs include member briefings, with several upcoming.
- Another KPI is directed funding, with Paul's incentive plan proposal currently under review.

Marketing Update (Elizabeth)

- Elizabeth reported a more robust content engine. OI DF's active followers have increased in the last 90 days, and press mentions are also up. She is preparing event literature and a newsletter. Tim inquired about BlueSky, and Elizabeth said they're working on OpenID.net's presence there.

AOB

- No additional business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.