

# OpenID Foundation Board of Director Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2025

## Attendees

- Nat Sakimura (Chair)
- Dima Postnikov (Vice-Chair)
- Marie Jordan (Secretary)
- George Fletcher
- Adam Sommer
- Takao Kojima
- Kosuke Koiwai
- Osamu Oshima
- Mark Andrus
- Francisco Leme
- Dirk Balfanz
- John Bradley
- Atul Tulshibagwale
- Aaron Parecki
- Tony Duarte
- Taka Kawasaki
- Hiroyuki Wada

## Staff

- Gail Hodges
- Mike Leszcz
- Mark Haine
- Joesph Heenan

## Agenda

- Welcome – Nat + Gail
- New News – Gail
- Budget Summary – Mike L
- OIDF Accredited Labs & Partnership Model Business Case – Mark Haine + Tony Duarte + Subgroup
- 2026 OIDF Conference Planning Update & Resolution to Approve Initial Budget – Elizabeth

- Non-Staff Travel Policy & Resolution to Approve – Mike L
- Notes & Recording Policy & Resolution to Approve – Mike L
- Dormant Working Groups Update & Resolution to Approve – Mike L
- SIDI Hub Update & 2026 Planning – Gail + Elizabeth
- AOB
  - Membership Update
  - Marketing Update
  - Financials

## Summary of Key Items

Nat called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm PT. Nat welcomed new NRI Board alternate member, Hiroyuki Wada.

### New News - Gail

- Gail reviewed recent developments regarding digital identity, FAPI, and Shared Signals. Additionally, she addressed the cooperative agreement with the World Bank.
- In the area of thought leadership, Elizabeth is collaborating with subgroup members on white papers focused on DADE and AI/Identity.
- From an operations perspective, Bloomberg has joined OIDF, while both Block and Idemia have decided to leave the organization. The budget audit has been finalized, and the specification automation process supporting releases is now complete.
- The AllM community group continues to demonstrate strong engagement, currently exceeding 100 members. Peru and Canada are expected to join the Ecosystem community group.
- Mark H. highlighted the success of the “Finance of Tomorrow” event, which included meetings with several Latin American countries. Nat inquired about the Open Wallet Foundation for any updates, to which Gail responded that she would share the latest information in AOB or follow-up with the Board offline.

### Budget Summary – Mike L

- The complete financial information is provided in the appendix of the Board deck. The foundation currently has a cash balance of \$2.4M. Certification fees are maintaining consistency throughout the year, and renewals continue according to expectations. Total income year-to-date is at 119%, with expenses remaining within planned limits. The project cash balance stands at approximately \$2M.

### OIDF Accredited Labs & Partnership Model Business Case – Mark Haine + Tony Duarte + Subgroup

- Mark provided an update on the project to extend conformance testing. A business case has been previously circulated, and potential ecosystems have been identified (EUDI/EU Member States, MOSIP).
- If OIDF does not address this, it may affect both existing and future revenue. There are possible interoperability and reputational challenges, and other parties could address the unmet needs. Adam emphasized the importance of this effort for scalability and acknowledged contributions from Mark and Tony; Francisco also expressed support for the initiative.

- Initial high-level estimates suggest positive revenue potential. The subcommittee will continue regular meetings to advance the initiative. The request is for financial support of direct setup costs through January for project management and legal expenses.
- Additional features regarding user experience and self-service capabilities are planned, along with the development of appropriate materials/collateral for users. Gail noted that the primary direct costs involve project management and legal structure. Mark indicated ongoing work into 2026 will respond to stakeholders' emerging feature requests and discussed various enhancements under consideration.
- The board is being asked to authorize the subcommittee to handle partner MOUs, review financial projections, and consider pricing proposals, with the Board providing feedback.
- Nat asked about relevant ISO specifications that might be used as references (such as 17021). Gail stated the project is important to meet ecosystem demands and may be relevant to ANSI and NIST.
- A resolution was proposed for the Board to approve the project objectives, publicly announce the intent, invest the proposed amount, and authorize the subcommittee to proceed. The requested budget is \$201,700. (*\*\*Offline, Mark V. noted support for this resolution*). John B. moved to approve, Adam seconded, and the motion passed unanimously without abstentions or dissent.

#### 2026 OI DF Conference Planning Update & Resolution to Approve Initial Budget – Elizabeth + Gail

- Gail noted OI DF has proposed a global event in a major city for H2 2026, with most expenses planned for the 2026 budget. Washington DC was suggested as the target city, chosen for its agreement with the World Bank and its milestone significance.
- Mike L. highlighted Stephanie Meli's extensive experience in planning similar events, such as OIX conferences. The Board was asked to approve initial funding before the 2026 budget cycle, to make deposits for securing locations and logistics.
- Dima inquired about the event's audience, noting the importance of tailoring the agenda for OI DF members and ecosystem partners. Aaron and John raised concerns about international travel to Washington DC and suggested alternatives, including London and Toronto. Gail proposed polling Board members about preferred event locations if the resolution for deposit funding proceeds.
- Dima recommended surveying the target audience; Gail suggested the Task Force or Ecosystem Community Group could help determine this. Most ecosystem partners are based outside the US, increasing importance of location selection.
- Resolution was proposed to approve an initial \$50K budget for event planning and staff preparation. Atul moved to approve; Francisco seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no objections or dissensions.

#### Non-Staff Travel Policy & Resolution to Approve – Mike L

- Mike explained that the non-staff travel policy had been shared with the Board and was developed to allow non-staff members to submit travel expense reports for approved events.
- There is no existing budget for this until 2026; the request is to allocate \$20K for non-staff travel expenses for the rest of the year, to be overseen by the EC and included in future budget planning. Minor changes were also made to the staff travel policy.
- Gail emphasized that current staff resources are stretched thin, and in some cases non-staff representation at events—sometimes on short notice—may be required.

- Mike clarified that the policy was created in response to the EC's request for a new, specific travel policy.
- The resolution was to approve the non-staff travel policy for immediate implementation, with the EC responsible for oversight and the \$20K allocation for the remainder of the year.
- John moved to approve the resolution; Francisco seconded the motion. There were no abstentions or dissensions, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Notes & Recording Policy & Resolution to Approve – Mike L

- Mike highlighted a request to address how working group and community group chairs manage AI bot note-taking and recordings, with Tom S. suggesting the policies be combined. The request would allow chairs to test AI bots or automated transcription tools for note-taking purposes. It was also noted that recordings are helpful for presentations by subject matter experts.
- The EC determined AI bots should not currently be used but will revisit the issue in 2026 as technology develops; AI bots are required to leave meetings.
- Maintaining recordings requires significant resources, and updating the policy may impact budgeting and staffing. John agreed this is reasonable as long as accessibility technologies for those who need them are not disabled. Gail suggested updating policy language to reflect this exception. Kosuke asked for clarification that the policy only applies to third-party transcription bots, which Mike confirmed.
- The Board was asked to approve a resolution supporting the EC's policy recommendations. John moved to approve the resolution, Dima seconded, and the motion passed unanimously without abstentions or objections.

#### Dormant Working Groups Update & Resolution to Approve – Mike L

- Mike provided updates regarding the EAP, FastFed, and Heart working groups.
- The EAP group resumed activity and obtained approval for the EAP ACR values specification in June. The Research and Education working group has been inactive for a considerable period but is scheduled to continue until early 2026.
- FastFed has not been active since 2022, and its co-chairs supported concluding this group. The Heart working group has also been inactive since 2022 and will be closed. The GAIN POC community group has experienced inactivity, and there was consensus to discontinue this group as well. The GAIN POC agreement specifies expiration terms, and associated mail lists will be deactivated.
- The process document outlines how the Board may discontinue inactive working groups. Gail observed that an archive section does not currently exist and one will need to be created. Collaboration is underway with Elizabeth to establish a group archive for existing content and to identify contacts for questions. George emphasized the value of retaining data, as some content may need to be referenced even if specifications are not implemented, suggesting inclusion of a warning for implementers.
- Dima inquired whether all participants had received notifications via email or Slack; Gail responded that there is no detailed methodology for closing groups. Gail queried whether the EC should oversee the archiving process, and George agreed.
- A resolution was presented to close the FastFed, Heart, and GAIN POC groups, requesting a Board decision and directing the EC and ED to proceed with next steps promptly. Dima moved to approve, Aaron seconded, and there were no objections or dissensions. The motion was approved.

#### SIDI Hub Update & 2026 Planning – Gail + Elizabeth

- Gail reported that the Board deck includes SIDI Hub KPIs, updates, and status tracking. She highlighted legal entity formation as the critical path and a main Board request, outlining risks if SIDI Hub work is incomplete. Gail also reviewed related initiatives with OWF, GDC, GCC, and noted potential overlaps.

#### AOB

- Membership Update – Mike noted that retention continues to be solid, and Paul has done well with member briefings. Bloomberg will be providing \$20K in direct funding. Community groups are trending well with increased attendance.
- Marketing Update – Not discussed
- Financials – No further discussion

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm PT.

*Nancy Cam-Winget provided confirmation of support to the five resolutions provided to the Board offline.*