Meeting: LLC Board

Date: July 8, 2026
Meeting Number: 98

Attendees

LLC Board:

- Gonzalo Camarillo, Director
- Roman Danyliw, Director and IETF Chair
- Mirjam Kühne, Director and Chair
- George Michaelson, Director

Staff

- Michelle Cotton, Senior Project Manager
- Jay Daley, IETF Executive Director
- Sandy Ginoza, Director of RPC Operations
- Jean Mahoney, Director of RPC Communications and Strategy
- Cindy Morgan, Director of Community Support
- Paige Mustafa, Director of Meeting Operations
- Laura Nugent, Senior Director of Meetings and Events
- Debbie Sasser, Director of Finance
- Robert Sparks, Senior Director of Information Technology

Observers/Guests:

- Sean Croghan
- Bron Gondwana
- David Lawrence, ICANN Board Liaison
- Arnold Madulin
- Jenita Pettway
- Jean F. Queralt
- Kyle Sheely

Scribe

- Jamie Reyes, Board Secretary, LLC Staff

Part I: Open to the Public

1. Conflicts of Interest Declared:

None

2. Approval of prior board meeting minutes and review outstanding action items

It was clarified to include all Board action items in the minutes summary, regardless of owner.

Proposed resolution: *RESOLVED, The 10 June 2026 LLC Board Meeting Minutes are approved.*

Unanimously Approved by Live Roll Call Vote

There are 9 outstanding action items as follow-up from the LLC Board retreat.
See details in Summary below.

3. Review & approve prior month's financial statement

The May 2026 Financial Statements were sent to the Board for review on 29 June 2026. There were no questions or comments from the Board.

Proposed resolution: *RESOLVED, The May 2026 Financial Statements are approved.*

Unanimously Approved by Live Roll Call Vote

4. ICANN Board Liaison Report

The ICANN Board Liaison provided an update on recent activities.

The Root Server System Governance WG delivered its final report to the Board in late February. ICANN staff will write the process outcome and next steps, building the framework of how to operate similar to the RIR system: independent under the ICANN umbrella. The Root Server System and operators are a constituency within ICANN but not formally a part of ICANN.

One of the outcomes of the Mumbai meeting was a policy draft about the information disclosure of registrant data and who is authorized in context of laws like GDPR. The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) advised the Board to turn down the policy draft for GNSO to make modifications. There is active board discussion on how to authorize legitimate law enforcement access to get data. The ICANN Board workshop was held in Manchester before the RIPE meeting.

The next round of gTLD applications launched in late April. The application process is open with expectations of oversubscription. As an at-cost program, any excess of fees can be refunded to applicants. The applicant assistance program is successful with support to public interest organizations. The application period closes mid-August, with first communications in mid-September, and review process until early 2028.

An ICANN hot topic is how AI impacts the Internet. It is not within ICANN's remit to directly address any AI governance. Instead, focusing on how to defend against AI in areas of DNS abuse and how to leverage to do those things like analyze patterns.

The IAB two-year appointment of the IETF liaison to the ICANN Board is ending. The ICANN Board Liaison wishes to extend for another term. SSAC and ISAC liaison appointments are three-year terms with a limit of two terms.

The Board Risk Committee is reviewing the risk framework to include health, geopolitics, policies, and war. A planned AGM had to relocate for the second year in a row due to the location within the Strait of Hormuz and was moved to Indonesia. The Board thanked the ICANN Board Liaison for the update and service.

Links shared in Chat:

- https://www.icann.org/en/announcements/details/icann-delivers-operational-design-assessment-of-ssad-recommendations-25-1-2022-en
- https://www.iab.org/role/appointments

5. IETF Chair Report - Public

Public IETF Chair Report

For the IETF Administration LLC Board meeting on 8 July, 2026

This report is provided by the IETF Chair and is read through at the meeting and later included in the minutes. This report is public.

- The following new working groups have been created:

    - Fast Network Notifications (fann)
    - Operationalizing Network & SErvice abstractioNs (onsen)
- The following working groups have been closed:
    - N/A
- IETF 126 Meeting Planning
    - 5 BOFs approved
    - 88% of IETF Working Groups will be meeting
- Appeal Processing
    - IESG responded to 2 appeals (IESG Response to Appeal-#268; IESG Response to Appeal-#271) and received 2 new appeals (Appeal-#312 and Appeal #314)
    - IAB responded to 1 appeal (IAB Response to Appeal-#272) and received 1 new appeal (Appeal-#311)
- IESG and IAB Community Appointments
    - 2026-06-22: Call for Feedback: Community Coordination Group (CCG) Appointment
    - 2026-07-02: Pete Resnick Reappointed as RFC Series Working Group (RSWG) Chair
    - 2026-07-03: Appointment of RFC9945 IETF Moderation Team
- Special Topics
    - Dispatch (dispatch) WG was recharted to simplify and jointly dispatch new ideas across multiple areas (i.e., ART, SEC, and non-transport matters in WIT).

Discussion: The IETF Chair noted the IETF is preparing for IETF 126 in Vienna. Five BOFs were approved. Three of which are related to standardizing protocols supporting AI workflow. The number of work groups participating is rebounding. Almost 90% of work groups are attending this IETF meeting along with record attendance.. With the publication of RFC 9945, the IETF will be implementing a new moderation approach. The IESG announced the appointment of the new moderation team last week. The new Dispatch WG was rechartered to simplify the onboarding of new work. The Applications, Security, and Web and Internet Transport Areas consolidated this process.

6. Executive Director Report - Public

The Executive Director Report was shared publicly prior to the board meeting. The latest IETF 26 numbers were shared in chat:

Registration Numbers (07/01/2026)
Onsite: 1163
Remote: 395

Overall Total Registrants: 1,556
Hackathon
Onsite: 559
Remote: 53
Total: 662
Fee Waiver Issued: 244
Fee Waivers Used: 226

Planning meal breaks and space for the Hackathon remains a challenge with many more registering than actually turning up. Options are being considered to address this including charging a fee or ceasing to provide a full meal.

Two action items that resulted from the 2026 retreat will not be pursued: The consent agenda and matrix of interactions with the investment advisor. The consent agenda can be parked for the future and the interaction with the investment advisor will be covered in other policy documents. The remote rooms consultation will happen after IETF 126. Regarding point 9. Fundraising, a question was raised if this would have any impact on the financial audit. The ED clarified that it is financially correct and won't affect the audit. It is purely related to the recognition of sponsors.

7. LLC Board Annual Rolling Agenda

The Executive Director (ED) reviewed the Annual Rolling Agenda. The Board had suggestions that will be included before implementing this living document with regular changes expected. This document will be renamed Recurring Agenda Topics.

RFC 8711 requires a one-off three-year review of IASA 2.0 but it has been the practice of the Board to date to perform a review every three years. The Board agreed in principle to not initiate any further three year reviews.

The Board agreed a resolution isn't needed to approve use of this Recurring Agenda Topics document, but is a helpful tool to update and fine tune. It will be added as a standard board document.

8. AOB & Questions from observers

None

Part II: Board + Senior Staff

1. Meetings Planning Update

IETF 128 is still in negotiation with the venue, including lawyers, with a 12 July 2026 resolution deadline. A back-up venue has been identified. It is expected to be able to make an announcement during IETF 126. IETF 129 in Berlin and IETF 130 in Vancouver were announced. Three cities in Asia are in consideration for IETF 131 as the previous location was moved to IETF 134. October site visits are planned for IETF 132 and 135. IETF 133 is waiting on input to address network related issues at the venue. A new assessment will be sent to the community by next week for two of the locations.

2. Confidential ED Report

The Confidential Executive Director Report was shared.

a. IETF Administrative Strategic Plan 2026 - DRAFT

The IETF Administrative Strategic Plan 2026 was reviewed. The linkages section will cover "who the LLC is beholden to" and will include definitions. Board-specified principles will be removed. Strategic goals will be written as-is, in simple statements. The target/for whom is the IETF in all cases except for integrated staffing. The Board agrees to change the strategic plan to a one to three-year horizon. A new draft will be prepared. There is currently no specific goal for IETF meetings and will be further reviewed. It was suggested that AI-based tools should be conducted in the full view of the community. It was agreed more discussion is needed.

b. Draft Revised Investment Policy

The Board reviewed the draft Investment Policy which is based on the stock investment advisor policy. Editorial changes will be accepted. The Socially Responsible Investing section will be removed. The investment advisor will adjust the portfolio based on this policy. Once a document is mentioned, it's linked. The ED is the conduit of Board decisions. A conversation with the investment advisor will be held for clarity. The next meeting with the investment advisor will be rescheduled. It was asked to clarify the Treasurer role within the policy and will be discussed further with the investment advisor.

c. Financial scenarios

The ED presented a number of financial scenarios that will further inform the Board's decisions related to fundraising and investments. It was suggested that unforeseen necessary expenditures should be considered as a risk management decision.

3. AOB

a. LLC Board office hours at IETF 126 (schedule and announcement)

The Board Chair confirmed there will be two office hour appointments at IETF 126 during the afternoon breaks (1600-1630). These are added to the agenda to provide attendees two choices.

Action - The Board Secretary to draft an office hours announcement for Board Chair review.

Part III: Board + Executive Director

1. AOB

The chair of the board announced that she will meet with the board of the Internet Society at the end of the IETF week and will present on recent LLC highlights.

The board decided to skip the August board meeting (due to holidays) and to schedule an additional board meeting in September to make progress on the ongoing work items.

Part IV: Board Only

1. IETF 126 Plenary Report

The Chair asked for feedback about the IETF 126 LLC presentation before the deadline.

2. AOB

The Board discussed the half-yearly performance review with the ED.

Summary of Board Resolutions:

- Resolution 98-01: RESOLVED, The 10 June 2026 LLC Board Meeting Minutes are approved.
- Resolution 98-02: RESOLVED, The May 2026 Financial Statements are approved.

Board Resolutions can be found at https://www.ietf.org/administration/llc-board/.

Summary of Action Items:

Pending Action Items

- AR-2026-08: Executive Director to review quarterly call timing and attendance with investment advisor
- AR-2026-10: Executive Director to rewrite Investment Policy for Board review
- AR-2026-12: Executive Director to talk to the Trust about 3.5 risk
- AR-2026-15: Executive Director to consider additional resources in the marketing/sponsorship activities

New Action Items

- A98-01: The Board Secretary to draft an office hours announcement for Board Chair review.