

Sovrin Governance Framework Working Group Charter

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Governance Framework Working Group

This charter contains the content required by [Sovrin Governing Body Policies](#). This charter was approved by the Sovrin Foundation Board of Trustees on 27 March 2019 and is listed in [Sovrin Governing Bodies](#). All terms in First Letter Capitals not defined in this document are defined in the [Sovrin Glossary](#).

To participate directly in this Sovrin Governing Body, please visit its [Meeting Page](#).

Charter Version and Date

Version: 2.0

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[Link to the Sovrin Board of Trustees meeting minutes](#)

Governing Policies

All Sovrin Governing Bodies inherit the base set of policies defined in [Sovrin Governing Body Policies](#), including chartering, membership, chairpersons, facilitators, subgroups, funding, voting, intellectual property rights, meetings, and meeting pages. This charter defines extensions to these policies specific to this Sovrin Governing Body.

Status

This Sovrin Governing Body is organized as a **working group** as defined in [Sovrin Governing Body Policies](#).

Purpose

The purpose of the Governance Framework Working Group (GFWG) is to develop and revise the [Sovrin Governance Framework](#) (SGF) to serve as the business, legal, and technical policy foundation of Sovrin Infrastructure, including serving as the foundation for other domain-specific governance frameworks (DSGF).

Principles

All Sovrin Governing Bodies operate under the Core Principles in section 2 of the [Sovrin Governance Framework V2](#).

Activities and Duties

The primary activity of the GFWG is to evolve the SGF to continue to meet the business, legal, and technical policy requirements of the Sovrin Community. The GFWG's specific duties include:

1. Manage revisions to the SGF Master Document.
2. Manage revisions to the following Controlled Documents:
 - a. [Sovrin Glossary](#)
 - b. [Sovrin Trust Assurance Framework](#)
 - c. [Sovrin Ledger Access Policies](#)
 - d. [Sovrin Trust Mark Policies](#)
3. Coordinate revisions to other Controlled Documents managed by other Sovrin Governing Bodies.
4. Coordinate the introduction of new Controlled Documents.
5. Coordinate the introduction of new charters or revision of existing charters for [Sovrin Governing Bodies](#).
6. Develop and maintain the Sovrin Web of Trust Governance Framework.
7. Research, write, publish, and promote white papers and other educational materials about the SGF and DSGFs.

Membership

1. Membership is open to any interested and motivated member of the Sovrin Community.
2. All Sovrin Governing Bodies must have at least five members, including chairpersons.
3. Background in digital identity, security, privacy, governance frameworks, trust assurance, or Internet policy development is helpful.

Chairperson(s)

The GFWG shall have at least one chairperson appointed by the Sovrin Board of Trustees and

may have up to two additional chairpersons elected by the members.

Facilitator(s)

A facilitator is not required but one or more facilitators may volunteer or be elected by the members.

Voting

All Sovrin Governing Bodies strive to reach decisions by consensus. When necessary, voting will be conducted as specified in [Sovrin Governing Body Policies](#).

Funding

No specific funding is requested or anticipated, however the GFWG may make requests for funding for members to travel to face-to-face meetings or for assistance from Sovrin Foundation legal counsel. Such funding requests must be approved by the Executive Director of the Sovrin Foundation.

Meeting Schedule

Meetings shall be held weekly except for periods designated on the meeting page. Face-to-face meetings shall be held as often as the group feels necessary.

Meeting Page

All Sovrin Governing Bodies are required to maintain a meeting page with full information about the group, current documents, and how to participate in meetings. [Follow this link to the GFWG meeting page.](#)

Version History

As required by [Sovrin Governing Body Policies](#), this table is a history of all versions of this charter.

Version	Date	Link and Description
2	2019-03-27	This document
1	2016-10-27	Sovrin Trust Framework Working Group Charter and Workplan —this was the first charter produced by the Sovrin Foundation after its formation (along with the Technical Governance Board)