



Sovrin Governing Bodies V2

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This document lists all official governing bodies of the Sovrin Foundation as determined by the Sovrin Board of Trustees. Notes:

1. All Sovrin Governing Bodies operate under the [Sovrin Governing Body Policies](#).
2. The formal name of each Sovrin Governing Body begins with the word “Sovrin”. For simplicity, that prefix is not included in the names in this document.
3. For access to the current membership roster, meeting information, agenda, and the minutes of any Sovrin Governing Body, follow the link to its meeting page.

Board of Trustees

The Sovrin Board of Trustees (BoT) is the overall governing body of the Sovrin Foundation. It is chartered directly by the Charter and Bylaws of the Sovrin Foundation as a non-profit public trust organization. The BoT is composed of individuals from around the world who have the obligation to represent the interests of the Identity Owners of the Sovrin Community. It has sole authority for:

1. Approving the charters of all Sovrin Governing Bodies.
2. Approving at least one chairperson of each Sovrin Governing Body.
3. Approving new versions of the Sovrin Governance Framework.
4. Approving new versions of each Controlled Document.

The BoT also maintains an Executive Committee consisting of the Chairperson and at least four other members of the BoT.

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Charter Location	Sovrin Foundation Bylaws
Meeting Page Location	Sovrin Board of Trustees Meeting Page

Councils

Technical Governance Board (TGB)

The Technical Governance Board is responsible for the technical design, architecture, and policies governing Sovrin Infrastructure. All members of this council are technical experts appointed by the BoT, and one of its chairpersons, if not already a Trustee, serves as an ex-officio member of the BoT unless the BoT makes an exception.

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Charter Location	Technical Governance Board Charter
Meeting Page Location	Technical Governance Board Meeting Page

Steward Council

The Steward Council is responsible for representing the expertise, interests, and concerns of Sovrin Stewards in the Sovrin Foundation governance process. All members of this council are representatives of Stewards, and one of its chairpersons, if not already a Trustee, serves as an ex-officio member of the BoT.

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Charter Location	Steward Council Charter
Meeting Page Location	Steward Council Meeting Page

Identity for All Council (I4A)

The purpose of the Identity for All Council (I4A) is to support the development of identification systems that serve marginalized or otherwise underserved populations worldwide, with a focus on the highest-need cases of the Global South. One chairperson of this committee is appointed by the BoT and, if not already a Trustee, serves as an ex-officio member of the BoT.

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Charter Location	Identity for All Council Charter
Meeting Page Location	I4A Policy Team Meeting Page

Economic Advisory Council (EAC)

The Economic Advisory Council is responsible for advising the BoT on the financial sustainability of Sovrin Network as a global public utility for self-sovereign identity, and specifically to advise on design and governance of the Sovrin token ecosystem. All members of this council are industry, policy, or economic experts appointed by the BoT, and one of its chairpersons, if not already a Trustee, serves as an ex-officio member of the BoT.

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Charter Location	Economic Advisory Council Charter
Meeting Page Location	Economic Advisory Council Meeting Page

Committees

Steward Qualification Committee (SQC)

The Steward Qualification Committee is responsible for overseeing the process and making recommendations about applications for Sovrin Stewardship. Applications are first approved by the SQC and then submitted for final approval by the BoT. Members of this committee are appointed by the BoT.

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Charter Location	Steward Qualification Committee Charter
Meeting Page Location	Steward Qualification Committee Meeting Page

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is responsible for assisting the BoT in fulfilling its governance responsibilities by providing oversight of the Sovrin Foundation's financial reporting, internal control systems, risk management systems, and internal and external audit functions. Members of this committee are appointed by the BoT.

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Charter Location	Audit Committee Charter
Meeting Page Location	Audit Committee Meeting Page

Working Groups

Governance Framework Working Group (GFWG)

The Sovrin Governance Framework Working Group is responsible for development and revision of the [Sovrin Governance Framework](#). One of the chairpersons of this Working Group is appointed by the BoT. This Working Group is open to participation by anyone; all members are volunteers.

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Charter Location	Governance Framework Working Group Charter
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Global Policy Working Group (GPWG)

The Sovrin Global Policy Working Group is responsible for researching, formulating, and recommending policies affecting the intersection of Sovrin infrastructure and regulatory policies worldwide, including privacy and personal data protection, financial regulation, securities regulation, cybersecurity policies, guardianship, digital signatures and contracts, electronic recordkeeping and e-discovery, anti-trust, etc. One of the chairpersons of this Working Group is appointed by the BoT. This Working Group is open to participation by anyone; all members are volunteers.

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Charter Location	Global Policy Working Group Charter
Meeting Page Location	Global Policy Working Group Meeting Page

Guardianship Working Group (GWG)

The Sovrin Global Policy Working Group is responsible for developing business, operational and technical requirements and practical guidance for the implementation of guardianship as described in the [Guardianship in Self-Sovereign Identity Whitepaper](#). It addition, it shall research, design, describe and test components of SSI architecture required for the successful implementation of guardianship.

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