

Sovrin Steward Council Charter

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Steward Council

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

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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 **council** as defined in [Sovrin Governing Body Policies](#).

Purpose

The purpose of the Steward Council is to give voice to the interests, concerns, and expertise of Sovrin Stewards in the activities of the Sovrin Foundation and the evolution of Sovrin Infrastructure.

Principles

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

Activities and Duties

1. Provide a forum for all Sovrin Stewards to identify, research, collaborate, and make decisions about topics of mutual interest.
2. Help organize gatherings and conferences for Sovrin Stewards or in which Sovrin Stewards can play a major role.
3. Provide a conduit for sharing insights, suggestions, or concerns with the Sovrin Board of Trustees and other Sovrin Governing Bodies.
4. While the Council is not directly responsible for any [Controlled Documents](#), it is responsible for gathering and distilling the input and feedback of Stewards on any revisions to the [Sovrin Governance Framework](#) or its Controlled Documents.

Membership

1. Membership is open to a representative of any approved Sovrin Steward.
2. All Sovrin Governing Bodies must have at least five members, including chairpersons.
3. No more than 20 percent of the members may be affiliated with the same Steward.

Chairperson(s)

The Council shall have one chairperson appointed by the Sovrin Board of Trustees (BoT) who is either an existing Trustee or who shall serve as an ex-officio member of the BoT. The members at their option may elect up to two additional chairperson(s).

Facilitator(s)

The GPWG may select one or more members to serve as facilitators as determined by consensus or a vote of the members.

Voting

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

Funding

The Council may seek funding for consultation with outside experts as required to fulfill its duties. Such funding requests must be approved by the Executive Director of the Sovrin Foundation.

Meeting Schedule

The Council shall hold regular virtual meetings either monthly or as frequently as needed on a day and time determined by consensus or a vote of the members and recorded on the meeting page. The Council shall also hold face-to-face meetings as needed with notice and details provided on the meeting page.

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 Steward Council meeting page.](#)

Version History

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

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