Cloud Native Computing Foundation

Minutes of a meeting of the Governing Board

June 25, 2025

A meeting of the Governing Board of the Cloud Native Computing Foundation ("CNCF"), which is part of The Linux Foundation, was held on June 25, 2025, from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM MT in person in Denver, CO and via Zoom.

The following members of the Governing Board, constituting a quorum under the CNCF Charter, were present:

Alena Prokharchyk	Apple
Jeremy Garcia	Datadog
Justin Dustzadeh	Equinix
Jan Melén	Ericsson
Takao Indoh	Fujitsu
April Kyle Nassi	Google
Vish Abrams	Heroku
Yuichi Nakamura	Hitachi
Brian Che	Huawei (alternate)
Arun Gupta	Intel, Chairperson
Sebastian Scheele	Kubermatic
Bridget Kromhout	Microsoft (alternate)
Sudha Raghavan	Oracle
Brad Topol	Red Hat/IBM (alternate)
Alan Clark	SUSE (alternate)
Craig Box	Developer Seat
Christoph Blecker	Developer Seat
Karena Angell	TOC Chair
Ricardo Rocha	TAB Chair

Also in attendance were:

William Deniss	Google (alternate)
Mario Fahlandt	Kubermatic (alternate)
Davanum Srinivas	TOC
Jeremy Rickard	TOC
Chad Beaudin	TAB/TOC
Ahmed Bebars	TAB
Alolita Sharma	TAB
Benjamin Somogyi	TAB
Henrik Blixt	TAB

Joseph Sandoval	TAB
Jonathan Bryce	CNCF
Chris Aniszczyk	CNCF
Joanna Lee	CNCF
Taylor Waggoner	CNCF
Daniel Krook	CNCF
Bob Killen	CNCF
Angela Brown	The Linux Foundation
Casey Robinson	The Linux Foundation
Todd Moore	The Linux Foundation

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM MT. He introduced Jonathan Bryce, CNCF's new executive director and noted Chris Aniszczyk's expanded role as CTO, Cloud & Infrastructure for the Linux Foundation.

He welcomed the board members to the call and thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Moore then reviewed the Linux Foundation Antitrust Policy Notice, confirmed that quorum was present, and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Mr. Moore welcomed the new Governing Board CNCF members and alternates.

Legal & Governance
Ms. Lee presented proposed amendments to the CNCF Charter related to the introduction of the CNCF End User Contributor program, launching in Q3-2025. The following resolution was unanimously approved:

> **RESOLVED:** that the amendments to the CNCF Charter presented at the meeting and attached as Exhibit A are hereby approved and adopted.

Ms. Lee presented a resolution to allow OpenTelemetry use of public key encryption root certificates from the Common CA Database (CCADB), noting that the CNCF Legal Committee recommends approval. The following resolution was unanimously approved:

> **RESOLVED:** that an exception to allow OpenTelemetry's use of public key encryption root certificates from the Common CA Database (CCADB), licensed under the Community Data License Agreement – Permissive, Version 2.0 (CDLA-Permissive-2.0) (Issue #1007) is hereby approved.

2025 Financials
Mr. Bryce reviewed the 2025 mid-year re-forecast of the CNCF budget.

Joint Meeting of the Governing Board, Technical Oversight Committee (TOC), and End User Technical Advisory Board (TAB)
The CNCF TOC and TAB joined the meeting at 3:25 PM MT for a joint session of the Governing Board, TOC, and End User TAB

Project Updates
Mr. Aniszczyk reviewed project highlights so far this year, noting projects that recently moved levels and new Sandbox projects, as well as an overview of CNCF's mentorship program.

Mr. Aniszczyk provided the history and an update on a recent dispute regarding the NATS project, noting a positive resolution to the situation as well as the strengthened collaboration between CNCF and Synadia.

A board member asked when the audit of current CNCF projects will be complete. Mr. Aniszczky noted that CNCF is conducting a comprehensive audit of all projects' completion of their onboarding requirements, including the required assignment of trademarks. Ms. Lee noted that CNCF is doing this audit in phases along with the Series LLC restructuring, and it will likely take several months or more to complete. A board member asked CNCF to report to the board when it is complete and Mr. Aniszczyk agreed.

 A brief discussion ensued about supporting the NATS project with growing to meet the requirements for graduation.

A board member asked if Mr. Aniszczyk's and Mr. Bryce's combined roles will lead to more synergies between the OpenInfra Foundation and CNCF, such as combined large events or projects moving between foundations. Mr. Aniszczyk noted that it's a bit too early to know. Mr. Bryce agreed and noted that there is a lot of overlap with various end users that would benefit from combined events, etc.

TOC Chair Updates
Ms. Angell noted that much of the information she will present was discussed at the last strategy session, but some of the items have been delayed due to recent events. Ms. Angell thanked the CNCF Projects team for all that they do. She reviewed the TOC's current priorities, including speeding up the moving levels process, providing more concrete technical guidance, assessing the current pace of growth, and seeking clarity and transparency from CNCF on project resources and support.

Ms. Angell reviewed the current project counts by level, noting that there hasn't been any change in the graduated and incubating counts in the past few months. She reviewed initiatives that the TOC is working on to improve the projects moving levels process.

Ms. Angell noted that we must weigh the risk versus the reward of the various changes that the TOC is making, specifically around speeding up the projects moving levels process and the recent TAG reboot. Ms. Angell also highlighted the initiatives that the new TAGs will be taking

on. She noted that the TOC had to slow down to speed up and that she expects there will be a lot of improvement in the next six months, including clearing out the project backlog.

TAB Chair Updates
Mr. Rocha noted that the TAB met at KubeCon + CloudNativeCon EU to set priorities for 2025. Those priorities are launching public TAB meetings, improving documentation, increasing feedback loops with projects, continuing to publish reference architectures, and assessing the end user groups.

Mr. Rocha also reviewed ongoing collaboration between the TAB and TOC.

Event Updates
Ms. Brown presented reviews of the first three KubeCon + CloudNativeCon events of 2025: Europe, China, and Japan. For China, Ms. Brown noted that KubeCon has been held in Hong Kong for two years but will be held in Mainland China in 2026. She noted that KubeCon + CloudNativeCon Japan was sold out for both sponsorship and registration.

Ms. Brown also reviewed the remaining two KubeCon + CloudNativeCon events for 2025, in India and North America. For KubeCon + CloudNativeCon North America, Ms. Brown mentioned that sponsorships are still open and are pacing to exceed the forecast. She noted that the India event will likely sell out.

She reviewed other CNCF events happening this year and also highlighted the dates and locations for the 2026 events.

Education Updates
Mr. Aniszczyk provided updates regarding the continued growth of the Kubestronaut program, noting that there are already 69 Golden Kubestronauts since KubeCon + CloudNativeCon EU in London. He also reviewed highlights of CNCF's various certifications, including newly released certifications and those in the pipeline.

Membership Updates
Ms. Lee shared the new programs and benefits available to CNCF members, including member-only KubeCon + CloudNativeCon sponsorship pricing as well the case study video spotlight program and a new "Across the Table" member meeting series.

Ms. Lee also reviewed the end user case study keynote benefit for Platinum members and the additional NPE Deterrence benefits for Platinum and Gold members.

Schedule for 2025
Ms. Lee reviewed the schedule for the remaining 2025 Governing Board meetings.

The board meeting concluded at 4:15 PM MT.

EXHIBIT A

Cloud Native Computing Foundation ("CNCF") Charter

The Linux Foundation

Effective Nov 6 2015 / Updated ~~May 28, 2025~~June 25, 2025

1. Mission of the Cloud Native Computing Foundation.

The Foundation's mission is to make cloud native computing ubiquitous. The CNCF Cloud Native Definition v1.0 says:

Cloud native technologies empower organizations to build and run scalable applications in modern, dynamic environments such as public, private, and hybrid clouds. Containers, service meshes, microservices, immutable infrastructure, and declarative APIs exemplify this approach.

These techniques enable loosely coupled systems that are resilient, manageable, and observable. Combined with robust automation, they allow engineers to make high-impact changes frequently and predictably with minimal toil.

The Cloud Native Computing Foundation seeks to drive adoption of this paradigm by fostering and sustaining an ecosystem of open source, vendor-neutral projects. We democratize state-of-the-art patterns to make these innovations accessible for everyone.

2. Role of the CNCF.

The CNCF will serve a role in the open source community responsible for:

- (a) Stewardship of the projects
    - o i. Ensuring that the technologies are available to the community and free of partisan influence
    - o ii. Ensure that the technologies' brand (trademark and logo) is being cared for and used appropriately by members of the community, with a specific emphasis on uniform user experience and high levels of application compatibility
- (b) Fostering the growth and evolution of the ecosystem
    - o i. Evaluating which additional technologies should be added to meet the vision of cloud native applications, and working to encourage the community to deliver them, and integrate them if and only if they advance the general agenda

- i. The marketing, promotion and expansion of deployment and use of the "Included in CNCF" projects.

- ii. The staffing of key resources to build, run and manage project productivity infrastructure.

- iii. The promotion of container-based computing principles as outlined and implementation thereof via the CNCF's projects.

6. Technical Oversight Committee ("TOC")

- (a) Mandate. The TOC is expected to facilitate driving neutral consensus for:

    - i. defining and maintaining the technical vision for the Cloud Native Computing Foundation,

    - ii. approving new projects within the scope for CNCF set by the Governing Board, and creating a conceptual architecture for the projects,

    - iii. aligning projects, removing or archiving projects,

    - iv. accepting feedback from the end user committee and mapping to projects,

    - v. aligning interfaces to components under management (code reference implementations before standardizing), and

    - vi. defining common practices to be implemented across CNCF projects, if any.

- (b) Composition

    - i. The TOC shall be composed of eleven (11) members.

    - ii. TOC members elected are expected to cover key technical domains: container technologies, operating systems, technical operations, distributed systems, user level application design, etc.

    - iii. The Governing Board shall elect six (6) TOC members, the End User ~~Participants~~ Members shall elect two (2) TOC members, the non-sandbox project maintainers shall elect one (1) TOC member, and the TOC members shall elect an additional two (2) TOC members. Each group is defined as a Selecting Group.

    - iv. If more than two (2) TOC members would be from the same group of Related Companies, either at the time of election or from a later job change,

election for TOC-elected seats who is serving in an alternate or shadow role established by the TOC. If no such person is available to fill the vacancy in a timely manner, the TOC may hold a special election to fill the vacancy.

7. End User Community

- (a) End User Members in CNCF shall be entitled to coordinate and drive activities important to users of CNCF projects as consumers for which CNCF was designed. Any End User organization that is a CNCF Member or a CNCF End User ~~Supporter~~Contributor (each an "End User Participant") may participate. The End User Participants are expected to help provide input to the Technical Advisory Board and CNCF community on topics relevant to users.

- (b) End User ~~Community Members~~Participants will be approved by CNCF.

8. End User Technical Advisory Board ("End User TAB").

- (a) Purpose and Duties: The End User TAB will serve as the voice of End Users in the CNCF community, advance topics of concern to End Users, and raise awareness about the needs and perspectives of end users. More specifically, the goals and responsibilities of the End User TAB are to:

  - i. Facilitate communication among the end user community and other governing bodies of CNCF.

  - ii. Provide advice, feedback, and recommendations to the TOC on areas of mutual concern, including the state and technical direction of the cloud native ecosystem, and identification of technical challenges and gaps.

  - iii. Improve visibility into end user adoption of CNCF projects.

  - iv. Provide feedback on CNCF projects' usability, reliability, and performance.

  - v. Review and approve publication of reference architectures.

  - vi. Advise on CNCF End User Radar tools and techniques.

  - vii. Provide oversight into End User Groups and End User Special Interest Groups.

- (b) Composition and Selection: The End User TAB shall be composed of seven (7) or more representatives from End User Participants selected in the following manner:

  - i. one representative appointed by each Platinum End User member.

- o ii. the representatives (if any) elected by the Gold and Silver End User members.

- o iii. at least three (3) representatives elected by the End User membersParticipants at large. The number of at large End User Participant representatives shall generally be three (3), but may be increased either (A) by vote of the then-existing End User TAB or (B) automatically to the extent necessary to ensure the minimum size described in section 8(a) of this charter is met (given the number of Platinum, Gold, and Silver End User member representatives).

- o iv. one (1) to two (2) TOC members designated by the TOC, each of whom must be employed by an End User Participant.

- o v. one (1) or more additional End User Participant representatives may be invited to serve on the End User TAB if approved by a majority of the then-existing members of the End User TAB.

- (c) Terms: Each elected or invited member of the End User TAB shall serve a term of approximately two (2) years, except that approximately half of the elected members of the End User TAB resulting from the first election shall serve a one (1) year term in order to facilitate staggered terms. The initial End User TAB shall determine which of the initial members shall serve a one (1) year term and which shall serve a two (2) year term.

- (d) Termination: An End User TAB member's participation shall cease before the expiration of their term if they resign, are removed, or they cease to be employed by the End User organization that employed them at the time they were elected. There are no limits on the number of terms that an individual can serve. The End User TAB may, by supermajority vote of at least two-thirds of the End User TAB members who do not have conflicts of interest, remove an End User TAB member who is not fulfilling their duties or is not complying with the policies of CNCF or the End User TAB.

- (e) Vacancies: In the event of a vacancy due to an End User TAB member's employer ceasing to be an End User Participant, the End User TAB shall decide when to fill the vacancy and whether to fill the vacancy by election or invitation. In the event of a vacancy due to to an individual's resignation, removal, or changing employers, the End User Participant that employed such individual at the time they were elected may designate a replacement. For the sake of continuity, in the event an individual serving on the End User TAB leaves their employer for another employer who is also