

Hedera Council Meeting Minutes

Date: June 12 - 13, 2025
Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm EST
Location: Washington, D.C.

Council Chair
Brett McDowell

Council Member Attendees

abrdn plc: Allan Trimmer
Arrow Electronics: Ryan Laber
Australian Payments Plus: Rob Allen
Avery Dennison: Pradeep Iyer
BitGo: Frank Wang, Austin Moothart
COFRA: Jheroen Muste, Anil Nashier
Dell: David Frattura
Dentons: Yi Jing Teo, Crystal Chik
Deutsche Telekom: Dirk Thatmann
DLA Piper: Kristi Swartz, Amar Fahmy
EDF: Marc Lijour
IBM: Sumabala Nair
IIT Madras: John Augustine
LGE: Samuel Park, Joe Park, Myoungjin Kim (Innogrid)
LSE: Jeremy Grant, Tom Kirchmaier
Magazine Luiza: Simon Olson
Mondelez: Xiang Xu
Nairobi Securities Exchange: Frank Mwiti
ServiceNow: Shuchi Rana
Standard Bank: Wandile Malinga, Muhammed (Mz) Omarjee
Swirls, Inc.: Dr. Leemon Baird, Bill Miller, Dave O'Callaghan, Arlan Harris, Mance Harmon
Tata Communications: Ankur Jindal, Tri Pham
Ubisoft: Nicolas Pouard
Zain Group: Nadir Patel

Members Not Present

Chainlink
Google
Hitachi
Nomura/Laser Digital
Shinhan Bank
Worldpay
Wipro

Hedera Directors
Bill Miller (Chair)
Frank Wang
Monique Morrow
Tom Sylvester (President *ex officio*)

Hedera Officers & Staff
Tom Sylvester, President
Alex Popowycz, Chief Information Officer
Betsabe Botaitis, Chief Financial Officer
Gregory Scheider, General Counsel
Nilmini Rubin, Chief Policy Officer
Shyam Nagarajan, Chief Operating Officer
Kate Ball, Corporate Secretary
David Clark-Joseph, VP Strategic Finance
Isadora Arrendondo, Global Policy Director
Lauren Styler, Manager Council & Gov. Operations
Mike Cave, VP Operations

Hashgraph
Eric Piscini, CEO
James Morgan, General Counsel
Joseph Blanchard, CIO & CSO
Lionel Chocron, Chief Product Officer
Sara Hale, Chief Marketing Officer
Kurt Bierbower, SVP Business Development
Satish Ramakrishnan, VP New Products
Andrew Stakiwicz, Head of Solutions
Ed Marquez, Head of Developer Relations

Guests¹
Rebecca Hofmann, Blockchain for Energy²
Katerina Sanchez-Schilling, Exponential Science Foundation
Nikhil Vagdama, Exponential Science Foundation
Paolo Tasca, Exponential Science Foundation
Daniela Barbosa, LF Decentralized Trust
Hart Montgomery, LF Decentralized Trust
Kamal Youssefi, The Hashgraph Association
Stefan Deiss, The Hashgraph Association
Charles Adkins, The Hedera Foundation
Gregg Bell, The Hedera Foundation
Josh Sroge, The Hedera Foundation
Paul Rapino, The Hedera Foundation
Vanessa Valentine, The Hedera Foundation
Wes Geisenberger, The Hedera Foundation

¹ Certain guests, such as those representing entities considering Council membership, are omitted for confidentiality reasons.

² Blockchain for Energy began its term as a Council member on June 24, 2025.

Summary of actions taken at meeting:

- The Council members approved the following pricing proposals recommended by CoinCom:
 - o Fee increase for HCS messages from \$0.0001 to \$0.0008;
 - o Ratification of fees for the new mainnet transactions created by HIP 991 (custom fee HCS message submit: \$0.05) and HIP 1086 (jumbo Ethereum to be based on gas); and
 - o CoinCom is authorized to create a simplified pricing model, which the Council Members will approve when they sign the transaction to implement such pricing model on the Hedera mainnet.
- The Council members **RESOLVED** that new Governing Members of Hedera Council shall not be announced and listed on the Council's website until such new Governing Member has:
 - identified an adequate number of transaction signers, and
 - has a functioning node computer that the Hedera CIO has verified is:
 - o compliant with the then-current version of the *Hedera Node Policy*, and
 - o in staging to add to the Hedera mainnet during a network upgrade.
- The Council members **DIRECTED** directed TechCom, the Council CIO and the Council General Counsel to revise the Transaction Signing Policy to clarify that signing a transaction indicates a Council members' approval of that transaction.
- The Council members approved the 2025 objectives as proposed by each of CoinCom, MemCom, TechCom, and UseCom.

Actions taken or ratified by Hedera Council by written consent (March 12, 2025 - June 12, 2025)

- The Council members elected Mance Harmon as Hedera Council Chair for the two-year term beginning July 1, 2025. (*March 31, 2025*).
- The Council members approved the minutes for the Council meetings held on November 14 - 15, 2024 and December 9, 2024. (*April 2, 2025*).
- The Council members approved the Fifth Amended & Restated Hedera LLC Agreement and revised charters for each of CoinCom, UseCom, TechCom, and MemCom. (*April 9, 2025*).

Actions taken by Hedera Committees (March 12, 2025 - June 12, 2025):

- TechCom voted to conditionally approve HIP-1126 (Delete Allowance without Token Association). Such approval includes any small changes that may be required to successfully implement this HIP; any material changes must come back to TechCom for another vote. (*March 18, 2025*).
- TechCom voted to conditionally approve HIP-1086 (Jumbo Ethereum Transactions). Such approval includes any small changes that may be required to successfully implement this HIP; any material changes must come back to TechCom for another vote. (*March 18, 2025*).
- TechCom voted to conditionally approve HIP-1056 (Block Streams). Such approval includes any small changes that may be required to successfully implement this HIP; any material changes must come back to TechCom for another vote. (*May 20, 2025*).

Call to Order & Introductions

Brett M. called the meeting to order and summarized the agenda. After being moved and seconded, the agenda was adopted. *Council Chair*

1. Network Utilization

Charles Adkins
Hedera
Foundation

Ecosystem Development Partners

The Hedera Foundation ("Foundation")

Charles updated the Council members on the Foundation's recent activities. The Foundation strives to accelerate adoption of the Hedera network by advocating for developers, driving commercial opportunities, and growing a sustainable and vibrant ecosystem.

Charles discussed the Foundation's areas of focus in 2025. These include increased account management support for use case development, investments in data/reporting tools, and prioritizing key integrations, among other initiatives. In addition, the Foundation continues to prioritize competitive metrics in grant assessments and simplify the process and delivery of current and future grants.

Charles shared the Foundation's key operational metrics. The Foundation's grant program continues to mature, with a current focus on high-potential categories such as asset tokenization, payments, and infrastructure. The Foundation strategically reviews its internal data, mapped against macro trends and market demand, in order to position its grantees for long-term success.

Key wins from H1 2025 include the Foundation's membership in the ERC3643 Association to scale the adoption of institutional RWAs, a strategic partnership with Tokeny (the leading onchain operating system for compliant asset tokenization), a strategic integration for transparent and tamper-proof oversight for AI (in collaboration with Accenture and EQTY Lab), and significant reductions in grant cycle speed, among other developments.

Exponential Science Foundation ("ESF," previously DLT Science Foundation)

Paolo Tasca
Exponential
Science
Foundation

Paolo and Nikhil updated the Council members on ESF's key decisions, strategic plans, and financial performance over the last six months. ESF is dedicated to advancing the Hedera ecosystem by focusing on education, research, innovation, and open-source initiatives.

Nikhil Vagdama
Exponential
Science
Foundation

Paolo and Nikhil summarized the impact of each key focus area. In education, ESF has educated more than 750 students and published over 20 blogs, papers, and reports. Research includes 16+ new research projects and six published pieces, including a [piece by Bitergia](#) (peer reviewed by ESF) regarding the state of Hedera and the open source crypto ecosystem. ESF has supported 40+ open source initiatives (including HIPs) and the Hiero project. In addition, ESF supported Hedera in achieving a MiCA whitepaper.

ESF's strategy for the next six months includes additional research on decentralized science. ESF will explore partnerships with research institutions exploring web3, AI, and quantum computing, and will host online masterclass courses to educate students and researchers. ESF will also support a Hedera Africa hackathon and a DLT Earth bounty program. ESF continues to track projects in the Hedera ecosystem through its [ecosystem map](#).

Paolo and Nikhil discussed ESF's performance against its grant agreement. Targets have been achieved in the number of (i) education programs initiated and (ii) research projects funded/initiated. ESF will continue to pursue its targets in educating students, onboarding new university fellows, and funding innovative projects, among others.

The Hashgraph Association (“THA”)

Kamal Youssefi

*The Hashgraph
Association*

Stefan Deiss
*The Hashgraph
Association*

Kamal and Stefan summarized THA's major decisions and market impact in H1 2025. THA seeks to harness the Hedera network's power to equip entrepreneurs, enterprises, and governmental institutions with the tools and expertise they need to deploy their solutions. THA also communicated the open-source of the DID SDK to increase global adoption of Hedera DID via the Linux Foundation Decentralized Trust (LFDT) under “Project Hiero”, enabling developers and the community with the essential modular building blocks for identity issuance, verification, and digital wallet integration. THA will also be activating and expanding its membership program globally to provide insights and valuable engagement initiatives to its growing ecosystem of partners.

Recent key wins include a major agreement signed with the Government of Maharashtra (India) to build a first-of-its-kind “State Carbon Bank” on Hedera, an agreement with a government central securities depository to develop an equity tokenization platform, a PoC for a key integration for telco roaming settlements, an MVP for fan digital ID and ticketing solution, and a self-sovereign identity project for BEEAH Smart City. Other highlights include the launch of a Grant Management Platform for community empowerment and DAO for startup grants and a complete refresh of Hedera training and certification content in 30+ languages, including the integration of the Hedera Developer Certification (HDC) into the Metaverse Polyversity. Kamal and Stefan also discussed THA's progress against its goal to support 100 projects per year under the DeepTech Venture Studio agreement signed with the Ministry of Investment of Saudi Arabia (MISA).

Kamal and Stefan discussed the current market challenges and realities. In addition to increasing L1 market competition, THA is seeing increased complexity in enterprise projects as well as competition from emerging public/private networks. THA is strategically addressing these realities and adapting accordingly to meet these evolving market dynamics. Strategic direction in H2 2025 includes expanded venture studio partnerships to increase global ecosystem development and optimizing project delivery and use case implementations for enterprises and governments, among various other key initiatives.

THA is tracking and making good progress against achieving the Hedera KPIs in its Grant Agreement with the Hedera Council. These KPIs include targeted numbers of projects across startups, SMEs, enterprises, and governments, including Training & Certifications. Kamal and Stefan highlighted THA's current and prospective grantees, which include several startups, growth-stage companies, multinational corporations, and government projects from around the world. THA will continue to identify and support these projects in furtherance of its mission to drive global adoption and development of the Hedera network.

2. Network Governance

Committee Recommendations

Network Utilization Committee (“UseCom”)

Rob Allen
(AP+)
UseCom Chair

Rob, in his capacity as UseCom Chair, updated the Council members on UseCom's ongoing projects. UseCom maintains an enterprise project dashboard, tracks network utilization metrics, maintains an ecosystem integration report, and hosts recurring use case showcases. Rob shared insights from each of these projects, including network data such as active wallets per quarter and wallet retention versus other L1s. Rob also shared ecosystem integration progress updates (prepared with support from the Hedera Foundation) to keep the Council members informed.

UseCom will host use case showcases throughout 2025. Future themes include sustainability (featuring Verra), RWA (featuring Tokinvest), plus additional showcases involving payments, waste management, DePin, and telco. Council members interested in attending these showcases are encouraged to contact Rob or UseCom support staff.

Rob presented UseCom's proposed 2025 objectives for the Council's approval. These objectives include specific goals in furtherance of each of UseCom's key projects (e.g. work with TechCom and Hiero to align enterprise business requirements with the core engineering requirements set forth in the

technical roadmap; proactively identify third-party technical service providers to address ecosystem gaps). Rob also offered insights and suggestions to improve ecosystem support for Council members' use case development efforts.

Following discussion, and after being moved and seconded, the Council members **APPROVED** the UseCom 2025 objectives.

Treasury Management & Coin Economics Committee ("CoinCom")

Leemon Baird
(Swirlds, Inc.)
TechCom Chair

Leemon, in his capacity as CoinCom Chair, summarized three pricing proposals for the Council members' consideration. Procedurally, although the Council retains authority to approve the pricing plan, it previously delegated authority to the President to approve pricing for new types of network transactions; provided that the approved prices remain subject to Council review and ratification.

CoinCom has considered two mainnet transactions and suggested the following prices for each new service: (1) custom fee message submit (HIP 991): \$.05, and (2) jumbo Ethereum (HIP 1086): price to be based on gas. Leemon noted that, per the above-stated resolution, the President considered and approved the new prices. Following discussion, and after being moved and seconded, the Council members **RATIFIED** and **APPROVED** the prices for these new services.

CoinCom has also reviewed pricing for HCS transactions and recommended a price increase from \$0.0001 to \$0.0008. Leemon summarized CoinCom's analysis for the Council members. Following discussion, and after being moved and seconded, the Council members **APPROVED** the price increase from \$0.0001 to \$0.0008 for HCS transactions.

CoinCom is developing a recommendation to simplify the Hedera network's pricing model. CoinCom aims to make pricing simpler, more predictable, and easier to audit. Although CoinCom's proposal would not result in changes to the typical price for each transaction type, it would result in a simplified model in which a base price is established and additional costs are added based on specific factors (e.g. number of keys or number of transfers). Following discussion, and after being moved and seconded, the Council members **AUTHORIZED** CoinCom to develop the simplified pricing model, which the Council members will approve by signing the transaction to implement the revised model onto the Hedera mainnet.

Leemon then discussed CoinCom's 2025 objectives. These objectives, which include review and recommendations for a new pricing plan, fee allocation between accounts, and block node / mirror node incentives, are in progress. Following discussion, and after being moved and seconded, the Council members **APPROVED** CoinCom's 2025 objectives.

Finally, Leemon reminded the Council members about the upcoming shift (effective July 1, 2025) from USD subsidies for node operations to hbar-only fees and rewards. This shift is the result of the Council members' decision in September 2024 to automate node rewards. Leemon outlined the process by which Council members can take control of their node accounts and obtain daily transfers of node rewards. Council members interested in taking control of their node accounts should contact Betsabe and Alex for help in setting up the account.

Technical Steering & Product Committee ("TechCom")

Leemon Baird
(Swirlds, Inc.)
TechCom Chair

Leemon, in his capacity as TechCom Chair, presented TechCom's proposed 2025 objectives for the Council members' approval. These goals include decreasing the number of temporary nodes, automating node rewards (done - to be implemented next release), network sustainability improvements, and working with the developer program on Council engagement efforts. Following

discussion, and after being moved and seconded, the Council members' **APPROVED** TechCom's 2025 objectives.

Leemon then initiated a discussion regarding the technical readiness of new Council members. TechCom has considered and developed a proposal that newly-approved Council members may only be announced and listed on the Council's website if and when they have identified an adequate number of transaction signers and taken certain steps towards node operations. Leemon noted that such a proposal would empower newly-approved members to get into compliance on their technical obligations set forth in the Hedera Council LLCA and Node Policy. The Council members discussed hurdles to technical compliance and the need to fully educate prospective members. Following discussion, and after being moved and seconded, the Council members **RESOLVED** that new Governing Members of Hedera Council shall not be announced and listed on the Council's website until such Governing Member has:

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TechCom also recommended an update to the Transaction Signing Policy. Leemon discussed the current process, in which TechCom evaluates HIPs and the Council members digitally sign transactions to implement the proposals. TechCom's proposed revisions to the Transaction Signing Policy would clarify that a Council member's digital signature represents the express approval and affirmation from the Council member of the transaction. The Council members discussed the proposal and the context of the proposed revisions. Discussion on this topic will continue in a subsequent agenda item.

Membership Committee ("MemCom")

Simon Olson
(Magalu)
MemCom Chair

Simon, in his capacity as MemCom Chair, discussed MemCom's recommendation to revise the objective criteria used to determine admission to the Council (as set forth in Section 4.3(c) of the Hedera Council LLCA). The Council members agreed to continue the discussion at the next MemCom meeting.

Simon also provided the Council with a brief update on pending applications for Council membership, then presented MemCom's proposed 2025 objectives for the Council's consideration and approval. Following discussion, and after being moved and seconded, the Council members **APPROVED** MemCom's 2025 objectives.

3. Special Topics

Public Policy Update

Nilmini Rubin
Chief Policy
Officer

Nilmini, with support from Gregory, Isadora, and Laura, discussed recent global policy efforts. The policy team strives to engage with and educate policymakers to enable the Hedera network to thrive.

Isadora Arrendondo
Global Policy
Director

Nilmini discussed Hedera Council's strategic partnerships, including the Milken institute, World Economic Forum, and Institute for International Finance. Hedera Council is also a proud member of additional global organizations such as Global Blockchain Business Council, Global Digital Finance, and Blockchain Association, among others.

Gregory Schneider
General Counsel

Nilmini discussed updates in the United States, including the recent market structure bill and proposed changes to US tax regulations and staking guidance. Nilmini and team will keep the Council members

Laura Cooley
Head of PR,
Hashgraph

informed as the proposed legislation continues to progress.

Update: Implementation of Strategic Reforms

Tom Sylvester
President

Tom updated the Council members on the strategic reforms approved in November 2024. Pursuant to the approved reforms, Charles Adkins became the [CEO of the HBAR Foundation](#) and has overseen its recent launch as the [Hedera Foundation](#). The reforms also contemplated an additional grant to the Foundation to support a variety of ecosystem development initiatives, subject to the Foundation's satisfaction of certain reporting and other requirements.

Tom confirmed that the first tranche of the contemplated grant was distributed to the Foundation in February 2025, with the remaining amount to be distributed in future tranches (some of which are contingent upon the Foundation assuming certain responsibilities or obligations). Additional reporting requirements, corporate governance provisions, and market integrity requirements have been implemented into the signed agreement between the parties.

Discussion ensued with input from the Foundation and the Hashgraph Association, which remains a key player in global ecosystem development efforts. The parties discussed the ways in which each independent entity continues to advance its unique responsibilities within the Hedera ecosystem.

4. Company & Treasury Management

Tom Sylvester
President

Management Reports & Recommendations

Tom delivered a President's Report to the Council members. In this report, Tom detailed key updates about the Hedera ecosystem, Council governance, Hedera network operations, and Hedera Council internal operations.

Betsabe Botaitis
CFO & Treasurer

David Clark-Joseph
VP Strategic Finance

Regarding Council governance, Tom referenced the "Phase 4" reforms that the Council members approved in November 2024. The goal of the reforms was to optimize operations while preserving decentralized governance and network operations. Tom highlighted the reforms' impact, noting that meetings have become more efficient and authority more specifically defined. Tom shared plans to provide more customized support to Council committees and to Council members pursuing use-case development.

Regarding network operations, Tom shared key H1 achievements. Notably, five mainnet upgrades were released and the network maintained 99.99% uptime. The network has seen a 20x reduction in state file storage, with monthly automated data reduction and a block node beta deployed. In addition, project Hiero completed its first open source code contribution, the first network upgrade from Hiero was deployed, and the Hiero Technical Steering committee grew by two members. Tom also shared that ten new transaction signers have been trained and that a node operator documentation portal has been rolled out in beta.

Tom previewed several node operations initiatives that are underway. Notably, a v.2 transaction tool is being rolled out and several new tools will be offered for node deployment and management.

Betsabe and David provided the Council members with a comprehensive overview of the Council's finances. Betsabe discussed the 2025 budget, including assumptions and actual costs to date. Betsabe also reviewed the Council's treasury, treasury management strategies, and year-to-date financials.

Betsabe educated the Council members about network trends and scenarios. This review included trends in TPS, network transaction fees, and network revenue. Betsabe concluded by updating the

Council members' on the status of Hedera's audit and financial controls, all of which are subject to ongoing review by the Board's audit committee.

Council Engagement

Mance Harmon
Council
Chair-Elect

Mance, as Council Chair-Elect, addressed the Council members with his priorities as Council Chair (for his term beginning July 1, 2025). As a co-founder of the Hedera project, Mance shared his early vision that Council members govern the network and serve as "lighthouse" users of the network. To achieve these goals, Mance will work to remove the friction that currently underlies the discovery and delivery process to support enterprise use cases. Mance will help Council members realize commercial value from the network by listening to customer feedback and prioritizing network use. Mance shared his vision that future Council meetings include subject matter and product experts from member organizations to accelerate use case development.

The Council members offered their support in promulgating these and related initiatives. Mance will continue to update the Council members on his strategic plans for member engagement and development.

Proposal: Participation Expansion

Shyam Nagarajan
Chief Operating
Officer

Shyam presented a plan to grow the Hedera ecosystem by providing a pathway for additional organizations to become involved with Hedera. Shyam noted that MemCom members and interested representatives have been discussing the proposal on a recurring basis. Council member representatives interested in joining the conversation should contact Lauren for meeting information.

5. Network Development: Technology & Open Source Partners

Hashgraph

Eric Piscini
Hashghaph

Representatives from Hashgraph summarized its recent activities in support of the Hedera network. Lionel highlighted key achievements in product and engineering, including roadmap execution and important releases. Lionel shared year-to-date execution metrics, which feature 92,714,482 transactions successfully processed, zero critical unplanned downtime, and successful delivery of network upgrades on a monthly release cadence.

Lionel Chocron
Hashghaph

Atul Mahamuni
Hashghaph

Atul reviewed a dependency chart with Hashgraph's in-flight projects. Atul provided context to the chart, identifying foundational goals (e.g. automated daily performance benchmarking) as well as long-term goals (e.g. scalability and sharding). Several long-term goals, such as operations cost optimizations and long-term scheduled transactions, have been achieved. Atul summarized recent HIPs and explained their positioning on the roadmap.

Sara Hale
Hashghaph

Ed Marquez
Hashghaph

Sara provided a big-picture overview of marketing strategy and H1 achievements. The rebranded Hedera Council and Hedera Foundation reflect each entity's commitment to trust, transparency, and defined roles and responsibilities. HederaCon, hosted in February 2025, represented a successful community event with significant attendance and engagement. Sara highlighted specific marketing metrics, including successful hackathons and a significant increase in developer testnet accounts, among others.

Joe Blanchard
Hashghaph

Kurt Bierbower
Hashghaph

Satish Ramakrishnan
Hashghaph

Ed summarized the developer relations lifecycle, which includes developer onboarding, hackathons, technical content, and community programs. Ed offered solutions to pain points that developers have experienced. In order to reduce friction and empower quick exploration, two versions of Hedera playgrounds were deployed (developer playground for SDKs and contract builder for solidity), which

Andrew Stakiwicz
Hashghaph

are web-based and easy to access. Ed also summarized recent improvements in measuring developer ecosystem size and health, which continue to surface insights to improve the developer experience.

Joe updated the Council members on network security, compliance and audits. Hashgraph successfully attained an ISO 27001:2022 and met the requirements for the CISA Secure by Design Pledge. Hashgraph is currently pursuing a SOC2 certification and is taking pre-assessment efforts to align with the US Government's FEDRAMP moderate requirements. In addition, Hashgraph was the first team to detect and repel tj-actions/changed-filed in the Github Action attack. Joe emphasized the critical nature of all security initiatives and underscored Hashgraph's commitment to network security.

Kurt, Satish, and Andrew discussed [HashSphere](#), an enterprise-grade private network built with Hedera technology. Hashgraph launched HashSphere beta on March 31st. HashSphere offers a private Hedera network with enhanced data security and privacy features, a network-hosting service, and planned interoperability between private "spheres" and the public Hedera network.

Project Hiero

Henrik updated the Council members on [project Hiero](#). Notably, Hedera's contribution of its source code to Hiero is now complete, with all sixteen code repositories being successfully transferred. This contribution makes Hedera the first public Layer One that is fully open sourced to a neutral foundation.

Hendrik Ebbers
Hashgraph

Daniela Barbosa
LFDT

Hedrik summarized Hiero's governance structure, which includes the Hiero Technical Steering Committee ("TSC"). The recent election to fill two TSC seats, an End User seat and a Contributor seat, saw strong participation with over 50 organizations participating in the End User seat election and nearly 100 individual contributors voting in the Contributor seat election. Henrik also summarized the Hedera Improvement Proposal (HIP) process that Hiero adopted and now actively maintains.

Daniela, representing the Linux Foundation Decentralized Trust ("LFDT"), discussed the LFDT's ecosystem support (including management services, developer recruitment and relations, training, standards, and community programs, among others). Daniela summarized Hiero's open source growth strategy to activate a global community. Daniela emphasized that Hiero, with its governance controls and community-driven roadmap, is poised for strong adoption and innovation. Daniela called for Council members to bring their developers, join the LFDT, and begin sharing Hiero use cases.

6. Network Utilization: Breakouts

The Council members participated in breakout sessions to discuss two strategic focus areas: Hedera for AI and Hedera for Tokenization.

The Hedera for AI presentation featured an educational session by Hashgraph, which highlighted Hedera's AI Studio and several projects building AI-related applications on the Hedera network. Hashgraph also presented the Hedera Agent Kit and ElizaOS plugin, among other strategic initiatives. Representatives from ProveAI demonstrated the ProveAI solution, which exclusively runs on the Hedera network and manages the AI lifecycle development flywheel.

The Hedera for Tokenization session also featured an educational session by Hashgraph, which emphasized the Asset Tokenization Studio (an open source RAW tokenization studio funded by the Hedera Foundation). The Hedera Foundation presented an overview of market drivers and outlook in sustainability initiatives. Finally, representatives from Verra presented Verra's work to set leading standards for climate action and sustainable development around the world.

7. **AOB**

Brett McDowell
Council Chair

Q4 In-Person Council Meeting

Mance shared the dates and location of the Q4 Council meeting. Mance requested that Council members invite representatives from their organizations who can contribute to the process of product discovery for the Hedera mainnet to join the Q4 Council meeting.

Mance Harmon
Council
Chair-Elect

Chair Succession

The Council members bid farewell to Council Chair, Brett McDowell, after several years of service and dedication to the Hedera project. Brett provided a final report and recommendations from his tenure as Council Chair to enhance the Council's commitment to trust, transparency, and accountability. The Council members, Hedera Council staff, and partners thanked Brett for his extensive contributions to Hedera Council and Hedera network.

Brett's term as Council Chair expires on June 30, 2025, at which time Council Chair-Elect Mance Harmon will begin his term. Per the Hedera Election Policy, Gregory (General Counsel) designated Mance to fulfill the role of Council Chair in Brett's absence prior to July 1, 2025.

Hedera Council Election Policy

Brett summarized the Hedera Council Election Policy. In November 2024, the Council members approved certain terms and directed the Secretary to codify the approved terms into a policy document, which was circulated for comment in February 2025. Brett discussed input received and optimizations to the policy and Council election procedures. Following discussion, the Council members accepted the Election Policy as final.

Transaction Signing Policy

The Council members returned to the discussion of TechCom's proposed updates to the Transaction Signing Policy. Tom provided additional context, reminding the Council members that committees are advisory (as set forth in the Hedera Council LLCA and committee charters). As such, code changes and other network changes are evaluated by TechCom but implemented at the transaction signing stage. Tom noted that, with Council members expressing their assent by digitally signing a transaction, lengthy explanatory materials will be provided to signers with context to the proposed transaction.

Tom Sylvester
President

Discussion ensued. Following extensive discussion, and after being moved and seconded, the Council members **DIRECTED** TechCom, the Council CIO and the Council General Counsel to revise the Transaction Signing Policy to clarify that signing a transaction indicates a Council members' approval of that transaction. The Policy edits shall be final when two of the three (TechCom, Council CIO and Council General Counsel) agree on the final policy document and circulate the revised document to the Council members.

The Council members then entered into executive session, during which the Council members requested that Hedera staff (with support from MemCom and Council member representatives) develop and circulate a revised proposal on the issue of expanding participation into "strategic" and "affiliate" categories in the next few weeks.

The meeting was adjourned.