

DotAsia Board Finance Committee (BFC) Meeting Minutes

Date(s) & Time:	March 27, 2026 (Fri) 11:00 AM - 12:02 PM (HK Time)
Location:	DotAsia Zoom Meeting Room: http://aji.asia/zoomboardfinance
Attendees:	<p>Thomas BARRETT Edmon CHUNG Rose JAMIESON Jose LAY Akinori MAEMURA Kevin MEYNELL Rupesh SHRESTHA</p> <p>Mable LAM (Fusion)</p> <p>Evin ERDOGDU (DotAsia Team) Rebecca CHAN (DotAsia Team) Amina MEIRASBEK (DotAsia Team)</p>

No.	Action Items:	Owner	Remarks
F2021.01.A04	Search other bank options for opening new Namesphere bank account.	Rebecca CHAN	Suggested to be suspended until after mediation.
F2026.02.A01	Inquire auditors on the involvement of the BFC in the audit process.	Rebecca CHAN	Completed.
F2026.02.A05	Recast the reserve fund contribution schedule on a percentage basis and update the risk management and budget documents accordingly.	Edmon CHUNG & Rebecca CHAN	In progress.
F2026.03.A01	Update quarterly financials reporting with "net revenues" after rebates.	Rebecca CHAN	To be added in next Quarterly Financials report.
F2026.03.A02	Bring the Audit Committee and BFC charter discussions to the full Board.	Edmon CHUNG	Completed.
F2026.03.A03	Prepare full 2026-2028 budget for next BFC meeting.	Edmon CHUNG	In progress.

Discussions:

1. Roll Call & BFC Chair Election

- 1.1. A nomination was made for Tom BARRETT to be re-elected as BFC Chair for 2026 by Kevin MEYNELL.
 - 1.1.1. Support for the nomination was unanimously received.

- 1.1.2. Tom BARRETT accepted the nomination.
 - 1.2. Tom BARRETT chaired the BFC meeting on March 27, 2026.
 - 1.3. Roll call. Those present for all or part of the meeting are included in the Attendees section.
- 2. Adoption of Last BFC Meeting Minutes (Feb 20, 2026)**
 - 2.1. Draft 1 of BFC meeting minutes on Feb 20, 2026 was presented.
 - 2.2. The BFC meeting minutes of Feb 20, 2026 were adopted.
- 3. Quarterly Financials ending Dec 31, 2025**
 - 3.1. Mable from Fusion presented the Q4 2025 financial statements for DotAsia Organisation Limited (Oct–Dec 2025). A question was raised regarding registrar deposits stability. It was explained that the balances fluctuate over time and is related to promotions and renewal cycles, and that historically they had been stable.
 - 3.2. Management notes accompanying the quarterly financials were circulated and explained.
 - 3.2.1. It was noted that the balance sheet was adjusted based on the final audited financials for 2022.
 - 3.2.2. A suggestion was made to add a row for "net revenues" after rebates. It was agreed to include the addition for future reports.
 - 3.2.3. Clarification was sought on the methodology for calculating contributions to DotAsia Foundation. It was explained that it is based on the net of grants/sponsorships received and expenses incurred, along with salaries and office cost allocations.
 - 3.2.4. A question was raised regarding payroll and allocations to DotAsia Foundation. It was confirmed that a single payroll is issued from DotAsia Organisation to staff team members and that the budget for DotAsia Foundation is developed based on past experience of staff time allocation to community project works.
 - 3.3. Domain Income report was presented. A question was raised on the cause for negative domain income months. The gTLD domain lifecycle was briefly explained noting that auto-renewals that were finally deleted within the renewal grace period may cause a reversal of domain income from the month before causing some months to show negative domain income.
- 4. Risk Management**
 - 4.1. Progress on the prospective transaction regarding the risk mitigation plan (Board Resolution 2026.02.008) was provided.
 - 4.2. The market conditions related to the transaction was discussed.
 - 4.3. A question was raised on whether a loan would be necessary. It was explained that a loan with favourable terms would provide extra buffer for any contingencies

that may arise.

- 4.4. It was agreed to wait for things to develop further and revisit the resolution in due course. (F2026.03.A01)

5. Update on audits

- 5.1. It was noted that the 2022 DotAsia Organisation audit was complete and signed by Mazars.
- 5.2. It was further highlighted that final 2022 numbers were provided for Namesphere group audit adjustments, with follow-up ongoing.

6. BGC-001, BFC Charter and BFC involvement in audits

- 6.1. It was reported that based on the discussion from the last BFC meeting, the team conducted further research on the matter of BFC involvement in audits and identified that usual practice for NGOs may be to have a separate Audit Committee independent from the Finance Committee. It was highlighted that the ICANN Board has a similar separation of finance and audit committees with no overlap in membership.
- 6.2. There was discussion about whether it may be better to restructure the Board Committees and allocate the finance and audit functions accordingly, or to create a new Audit Committee.
- 6.3. A comment was raised suggesting that regardless of the structure, separate charters should be developed. It was responded that the matter was discussed at the BGC and there is an inclination to keep the document structure simple, keeping all roles and responsibilities description in one place.
- 6.4. It was agreed that further discussion including with the full Board is needed on the matter. (F2026.03.A02)

7. Budget 2026-2028 Development

- 7.1. An overview of the DotAsia budget structure was presented, covering DotAsia Organisation, DotAsia Foundation, DotKids Foundation, Namesphere and .MO operations (HNET Asia). It was noted that upcoming cycle should cover Oct 2026 – Sep 2028.
- 7.2. It was highlighted that income projection was developed based on domains under management, which does not match well with the Actual vs. Budgeted Reporting (which has been expanded from focused on expenses only to also including income).
 - 7.2.1. A rough projection based on recognized revenues, which matches the financial reporting was presented.
 - 7.2.2. It was noted that stable growth has been observed and that according to the rough projections, there should be surplus that would allow for the building up of a reserve.
 - 7.2.3. Regarding the expectation on increasing costs due to inflation, it was noted that Hong Kong has been relatively stable in that area, and therefore no major changes to the assumptions are expected.

- 7.3. Full draft of budget 2026-2028 to be circulated for discussion at the next BFC meeting. (F2026.03.A03)

8. AOB

- 8.1. Brief updates on the next round of new gTLDs were shared. Financial support for specific applications were discussed.
- 8.2. An update was provided on efforts in strengthening cybersecurity preparedness and the conducting of an audit. A question was raised on whether AI driven audits may be useful. It was responded that the team had looked into utilizing AI tools for the purpose but the cost difference is not substantial. Further updates to be provided to the BGC as the project progresses.