

DotAsia Board Governance Committee (BGC) Meeting Minutes

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| Date(s) & Time: | Jan 14, 2026 (Wed) 12:30 PM – 13:25 PM (HKT) |
| Location: | DotAsia Zoom Meeting Room: http://aji.asia/zoomboardgov |
| Attendees: | Satish BABU Tom BARRETT Akinori MAEMURA Edmon CHUNG Maureen HILYARD Jo-Fan YU Amina MEIRASBEK (DotAsia Team) Evin ERDOGDU (DotAsia Team) June LAU (DotAsia Team) |

| No. | Action Items: | Owner | Remarks |
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| G2026.01.A01 | Bring discussion of implementation of BGC-006 for the appointment of non-executive DotKids Foundation directors to full Board. | Edmon CHUNG | Completed. |
| G2026.01.A02 | Discuss string selection strategies at upcoming Board F2F meeting. | Edmon CHUNG | Completed. |

Discussions:

1. Roll Call

- 1.1. Satish BABU chaired the BGC meeting on Jan 14, 2026.
- 1.2. Roll call. Those present for all or part of the meeting are included in the Attendees section.

2. Adoption of last BGC Meeting minutes (Nov 25, 2025)

- 2.1. Draft 1 of BGC meeting minutes Nov 25, 2025 and action items were presented.
- 2.2. BGC meeting minutes Nov 25, 2025 were adopted.

3. Board Elections 2026 Update

- 3.1. June joined to provide updates on Board Elections 2026. It was noted that the nomination period had concluded and the 96hour dispute resolution period had also ended without any disputes or feedback from members.
- 3.2. It was noted that the Nomination Committee (NomCom) has confirmed for all candidates eligible to stand in the election. It was further reported that the Nominations Report has been circulated to the Board, and a redacted version has been published on the Elections website.

- 3.3. Access rights to the online voting system were discussed, and it was clarified that only the scrutineer, the third-party administrator engaged for the election, and the Elections Committee will have full access, and that DotAsia staff involved in configuration and testing will have their full access removed before the start of voting.
- 3.4. An update was given on the random draw mechanisms provided by the BigPulse system.
- 3.5. The remaining election timeline was presented, noting key dates and highlights.

4. Review of BGC-005: Appointment of Board Directors to Subsidiaries and Relevant Entities

- 4.1. The background on the development of BGC-005 was presented. It was noted that the BFC suggested bringing the topic and process of appointing Board Directors to DotKids Foundation to BGC for consideration.
- 4.2. The background on DotKids Foundation and the historical process leading to the current board composition was presented. It was highlighted that the current composition was originally intended to be temporary, however given the changes, it is likely that DotAsia will remain the sole member of DotKids going forward. During the BFC review of the DotKids audited financials, it was suggested that non-executive board directors be appointed to DotKids.
- 4.3. The BGC discussed whether to apply the BGC-005 document for the appointment of board directors to DotKids. It was highlighted that the policy document describes a rather heavy-weight process due to the context for which it was developed back in 2022. The benefits of its structured approach and the fact that legal advice on the process was sought at the time was raised.
- 4.4. The size of the DotKids board was discussed. It was noted that there is flexibility to appoint one or two additional directors.
- 4.5. There was discussion on the roles of the first non-executive directors and whether independent directors are needed. It was noted that all matters are currently, and probably should continue to be, reported to the full DotAsia Board, and that based on legal advice obtained previously the policy anticipates prioritizing candidates from among existing DotAsia Board Directors.
- 4.6. The BGC agreed to recommend to the Board that the appointments process for DotKids should follow the existing 2022 policy document for this round, and to consider any refinements to the document thereafter. (G2026.01.A01)

5. Next Round of New gTLDs Update

- 5.1. An update was provided on the next round of new gTLD applications and associated Applicant Support Program (ASP) work, noting that all applications have been submitted on time.
- 5.2. Financial overviews, as well as organizational relationship between DotAsia and prospective ASP partner organizations were presented.
- 5.3. A question was raised on the overall ASP demand and available support. It was reported that based on information on the ICANN website 70-plus ASP applications were received, and a budget for around 40–45 applications have previously been allocated by the ICANN board.

- 5.4. Questions were raised on the nature of the strings to be applied for as well as response to contention-set scenarios. It was agreed that more detailed discussion on string selection strategy will be prepared for at the upcoming F2F Board meeting. (G2026.01.A02)

6. AOB – F2F Board Meeting Agenda

- 6.1. A draft F2F Board meeting schedule was presented, outlining a structure with team reporting concentrated on Day 1 and Board governance discussions on Day 2 to accommodate Board Directors who may be attending the APTLD meetings and unable to join Day 1.
- 6.2. It was proposed to invite the Elections Committee Chair and NomCom Chair to join briefly on the morning of Day 2 to provide feedback on the election process and a preview of their reporting at the AGM.