

USENIX Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 10:00–11:00am PDT / 1:00–2:00pm EDT

via Zoom video conference

Minutes

Attendance

Board:

Amy Rich
Will Enck
Lea Kissner
Kurt Andersen
Thorsten Holz
Laura Nolan
George Porter

Staff:

Casey Henderson-Ross
Jessica Kim

Not Present:

Sujata Banerjee

Rich called the meeting to order at 10:03 am PDT / 1:03 pm EDT.

Agenda

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Andersen moved to approve the minutes of the April 2026 meeting as presented. Enck seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

2. Steering Committee Process (continued)

Enck updated the Board on the status of the Steering Committee process document, which had been edited based on the review and feedback of representatives from the steering committees of USENIX conferences subject to the proposed process. He invited discussion on any remaining comments from the Board. Discussion followed.

Rich moved to accept the Steering Committee process document as presented. Nolan seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

3. Authorship Policy (continued)

Enck shared that he and Holz had worked with representatives from the USENIX Security Symposium community on updating the draft authorship policy and invited comments from the Board on this latest draft. Discussion ensued. Enck noted that the next step would be to share the draft policy with representatives from steering committees for other USENIX conferences.

4. Recent and Upcoming Conferences

Henderson-Ross shared that NSDI '26 was well attended, seeing the largest number of participants since the 2020 edition, which was one of the last in-person conferences before the pandemic shut-down. She also noted the growth in the technical sessions program. Porter praised the keynote address and venue.

Henderson-Ross noted that PEPR '26 was upcoming and reported on lower registration numbers and higher requests for hardship discounts. Kissner shared insights on the current state of the industry.

Henderson-Ross returned to a prior discussion about the possibility of adding a second instance of SREcon Americas to address geographic demand. The existing SREcon Americas would be SREcon Americas West, and the additional instance would be SREcon Americas East. She shared a venue and timing possibility for 2028.

Andersen moved to accept the plan to have SREcon Americas West and SREcon Americas East in 2028. Nolan seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Andersen moved to conclude the meeting. Nolan seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 am PDT / 1:51 pm EDT.

