MINUTES IACR BOARD MEETING *VIRTUAL-02 2026*

17 FEBRUARY 2026

1. Opening Matters

1.1. **Welcome, roll of attendees, identification of proxies.** At 16:04 UTC the President opens the meeting and briefly goes around for an introductory round, confirming attendees and establishing who is holding proxies.

There are 20 full time attendees with the following proxies: Halevi holds Lysyanskaya's proxy, Schwabe holds Hülsing's proxy, Naya-Plasencia holds Persichetti's proxy, Preneel holds Rijmen's proxy.

1.1.1. *Roll of Attendees.*

Attendees (Elected). Allison Bishop (President 2026-2028); François-Xavier Standaert, (Vice President 2026-2028); Brian LaMacchia (Treasurer 2026-2028, *RWC* Steering Committee); Benjamin Wesolowski (Secretary 2026-2028); Shai Halevi (Director 2026-2028); María Naya-Plasencia (Director 2024-2026); Bart Preneel (Director 2026-2028, Program Chair Contact); Francisco Rodríguez-Henríquez (Director 2024-2026); Peter Schwabe (Director 2026-2028, *CHES* Steering Committee); Bo-Yin Yang (Director 2025-2027); Moti Yung (Director 2024-2026, *PKC* Steering Committee);

Attendees (Appointed). Tetsu Iwata (Asiacrypt 2027 General Chair (2026-2027)); Mayank Varia (*Crypto 2026* General Chair (2025-2026));

Attendees (Representatives and Others). Kevin McCurley (Database Administrator); Gregor Leander (*FSE* Steering Committee);

Absentees (Elected). Jian Guo (Director 2025-2027); Anna Lysyanskaya (Director 2025-2027);

Absentees (Appointed). Man Ho Allen Au (Asiacrypt 2026 General Chair (2025-2026)); Foteini Baldimtsi (Communications Secretary 2023-2026); Andreas Hülsing (*Eurocrypt 2027* General Chair (2026-2027)); Edoardo Persichetti (*Eurocrypt 2026* General Chair (2025-2026)); Vincent Rijmen (Journal of Cryptology Editor-in-Chief 2024-2026); Chitchanok Chuengsatiansup (Membership Secretary (2026-2028));

Absentees (Representatives and Others). Masayuki Abe (*Asiacrypt* Steering Committee); Tal Malkin (*TCC* Steering Committee); Kay McKelly (Web & software developer); Hilarie Orman (Archivist); Tal Rabin (Code-of-conduct Liaison); Yu Yu (Webmaster);

1.2. **Approving minutes from previous meeting.** The President calls for a vote to approve the minutes of the meetings *Virtual-01 2026*.

Decision 1 (unanimous)**.** *The Board approves the Minutes of the IACR Board Meeting Virtual-01 2026.*

2. Update on conferences

Yang reports on *RWC 2026*. There are now 500 registered participants, and around 100 student stipends have been issued. Everything is proceeding as planned.

LaMacchia reports on *Eurocrypt 2026*. Registration fees are likely to be higher than anticipated due to the current USD/EUR exchange rate and lower-than-expected sponsorship. He notes that several recent conferences have also failed to meet their initial sponsorship targets.

Yung reports on *PKC 2026*. The reviewing phase is complete, and author notifications have been sent. The conference will run for three days. Yung also informs the Board that the PKC steering committee requires restructuring, as some key members are currently unavailable.

Bishop reports on *Crypto*. Costs at UC Santa Barbara (UCSB) are rising significantly, reviving consideration of alternative venues for 2027. To meet the timeline, a deadline of the end of May is proposed

for venue proposals. This would allow the Board to finalize and announce the location for *Crypto 2027* in August 2026, during *Crypto 2026*. Given the tight schedule, the Board will decide within a week whether to solicit new proposals or proceed with UCSB.

LaMacchia reports that *Asiacrypt 2026* may relocate to a more central venue in Hong Kong.

3. Topics

3.1. **Composition of committees.** During the previous meeting, the President requested nominations to restaff our committees. While committee members are formally appointed by the President, she still invites the Board to vote on proposed candidates.

The Board briefly discussed two nominees proposed for the Ethics Committee. Following the discussion, the President called for a vote.

Decision 2 (unanimous)**.** *The two nominees are invited to join the Ethics Committee. [They have not yet confirmed their appointment].*

Rodríguez-Henríquez proposed Eysa Lee for membership in the Schools Committee. The President called for a vote.

Decision 3 (unanimous)**.** *Eysa Lee is appointed as a Member of the Schools Committee. [Lee has since accepted the appointment].*

3.2. **ICW requests.** The President informs the Board that three events have submitted requests for ICW status (events *In Cooperation With* IACR). She invites Board members to provide feedback on these applications via email.

3.3. **Program Chair nomination form.** Halevi introduces the updated Program Chair nomination form, developed by the working group tasked with refining the selection process. Halevi reminds the Board that, rather than imposing mandatory criteria, the committee proposed that nominations require completing a form explicitly describing the qualities and qualifications of candidates.

A draft of the form was initially presented during the December 2025 Board Meeting, and Halevi shares an updated version for review. The committee requests that any additional feedback be submitted within one week.

The Board will begin using the new form to nominate Program Chairs for *Eurocrypt 2028*. The Board will experiment with this form over one nomination cycle before finalizing its adoption.

4. Closing Matters

The President closes the meeting officially at 17:06 UTC.