

MINUTES IACR BOARD MEETING *VIRTUAL-07 2026*

6 JULY 2026

1. OPENING MATTERS

1.1. Welcome, roll of attendees, identification of proxies. At 13:30 UTC the President opens the meeting and briefly goes around for an introductory round, confirming attendees and establishing who is holding proxies. As the Secretary is absent, Yang will be keeping notes of the meeting.

There are 23 full time attendees with the following proxies: Lysyanskaya holds Yung's proxy, Yang holds Schwabe's and Wesolowski's proxy. Preneel holds Naya-Plasencia's and 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); Jian Guo (Director 2025-2027); Shai Halevi (Director 2026-2028); Anna Lysyanskaya (Director 2025-2027); Bart Preneel (Director 2026-2028, Program Chair Contact); Francisco Rodríguez-Henríquez (Director 2024-2026); Bo-Yin Yang (Director 2025-2027, *Asiacrypt* Steering Committee);

Attendees (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)); Tetsu Iwata (*Asiacrypt* 2027 General Chair (2026-2027)); Tancrède Lepoint (IT Manager 2026-2028); Mayank Varia (*Crypto* 2026 General Chair (2025-2026));

Attendees (Representatives and Others). Kevin McCurley (Database Administrator); Kay McKelly (Web & software developer);

Absentees (Elected). Benjamin Wesolowski (Secretary 2026-2028); María Naya-Plasencia (Director 2024-2026); Peter Schwabe (Director 2026-2028, *CHES* Steering Committee); Moti Yung (Director 2024-2026, *PKC* Steering Committee);

Absentees (Appointed). Joppe W. Bos (IACR Communications in Cryptology Editor-in-Chief); Chitchanok Chuengsatiansup (Membership Secretary (2026-2028)); Edoardo Persichetti (*Eurocrypt* 2026 General Chair (2025-2026)); Vincent Rijmen (Journal of Cryptology Editor-in-Chief 2024-2026);

Absentees (Representatives and Others). Gregor Leander (*FSE* Steering Committee); Tal Malkin (*TCC* Steering Committee); Hilarie Orman (Archivist); Tal Rabin (Code-of-conduct Liaison); Yu Yu (Web-master);

2. UPDATE ON CONFERENCES

Malkin has reported that the preparations for *TCC* 2026 are proceeding as planned.

The registrations for *Crypto* 2026 are open.

The *Asiacrypt* 2026 Program Chairs are asking for four parallel tracks.

The call for papers of *PKC* 2027 is out. The venue is reserved, and there is one affiliated event.

Bishop reminds the Board that there will be a *strategic meeting* at *Crypto* 2026. We will be facilitating zoom participation for those who cannot attend in person. Board Members are invited to communicate potential items they would like to include in the agenda.

3. PROPOSAL FOR A NEW HYBRID JOURNAL

The proposal written by the working group for a new publication model has been made public, and is available online at <https://iacr.org/hybridproposal/>. We are expecting feedback from members via email and on the IACR discussion platform <https://discuss.iacr.org/>.

4. PROPOSAL FOR CRYPTO 2027 IN BOGOTÁ

The Board discusses potential venues for Crypto 2027. Bogotá was proposed for *Crypto 2027*; it might be an option for 2028 instead, but this cannot be confirmed yet (the proposer will have more information in the fall). UCSB has confirmed that if *Crypto 2027* were hosted in Bogotá, UCSB can still host *Crypto 2028*. It will however be overlapping with the US hosting the Olympics and with UCSB hosting some paralympic events.

A brief discussion ensues, reiterating previous concerns, such as security issues related to travel to Colombia and growing difficulties traveling to the USA.

5. CLOSING MATTERS

The President closes the meeting officially at 14:30 UTC.