

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RUST FOUNDATION
(a Delaware non-profit corporation)**

Date: April 14, 2026

Time: 21:00 UTC

Place: By online videoconference

Directors present:

Peixin Hou

Jack Huey

Rao Lakkakula (representing Microsoft, alternate for Nell Shamrell-Harrington)

Ryan Levick

Seth Markle

Niko Matsakis

Carol Nichols

Rohan Patil

Alexandru Radovici

Jeffrey vander Stoep

Andrew Wafaa

David Wood

Apologies:

Nell Shamrell-Harrington

Others present:

Rebecca Rumbul (Executive Director)

Abi Broom (Director of Operations)

Gracie Gregory (Director of Communications and Marketing)

Lori Lorusso (Director of Outreach)

Joel Marcey (Director of Technology)

A quorum was present.

1. Opening Remarks

Mr. Levick (as Vice-Chair) opened the meeting with opening remarks and a check for a quorum. He welcomed the quorum to the April 2026 Board meeting and handed the lead and logistics to Ms. Rumbul.

2. Approval of Minutes

A resolution was put forth to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, was briefly discussed, and approved by unanimous consent of the members of the Board present.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Foundation has reviewed the draft minutes of its regular meeting held on March 10th, 2026, which were circulated to the Board (the “March 10th Minutes”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the March 10th Minutes are hereby approved.

3. AI Research Initiative Proposal

Ms. Rumbul updated the Board that there had not been sufficient movement on this proposal since the last meeting, and the May meeting was targeted instead.

4. Application to join the Rust Innovation Lab – Wild

The Foundation had received an [application](#) to join the Rust Innovation Lab from the Wild Linker, a very fast linker. Mr. Marcey presented the application, noting that although he had previously suggested a conditional approval subject to the confirmation of funding, there was now confirmed funding from AWS, so he was happy to recommend that the Board should approve without any constraints. The Board discussed the merits of the project and agreed to accept the application.

5. Public Perceptions of Rust

The Board discussed public perceptions of Rust. Members noted concerns that aspects of the community are, in some cases, perceived as unwelcoming or difficult to engage with, and that these perceptions may discourage participation. Such perceptions, whether accurate or not, could represent a material risk to wider adoption and therefore to the long-term health of the ecosystem. The Board agreed that the issue merits further attention, and as a first step, asked staff to start collecting concrete examples of when things have gone wrong, in order to draw out themes and work towards what the ideal outcome should look like.

6. RustConf Member Summit

Ms. Gregory informed the board that the date had been set for September 11 (co-located with RustConf) and asked board members to commit to registering. Mr. Radovici offered to help spread the word amongst the Silver membership. Mr. Wafaa noted that some companies were starting to put restrictions on travel and requested that a significant hybrid element to the meeting should be planned.

7. Q2 Goals

Ms. Rumbul outlined the following goals for Q2 2026:

- Launch updated crates.io converted from Ember to Svelte
- Host successful cross-community Rust/C++ interop session at the Rust All-Hands
- Hardware token based 2FA rollout for securing infrastructure at both the Foundation and the Rust Project

- crates.io sustainability ideas reviewed and agreed to by the Rust Project and sustainability partners
- Launching the Rust Foundation Trusted Training Program on time and at/under budget with a public, founding cohort of accredited member organizations
- Driving RustConf ticket sales and sponsorship.
- Launch RCN and start recruiting interest in members to run for the Steering Committee
- Recruit Rust Project Team Leads to attend Rust Team Health Summit at All Hands
- Attendance: Rust All-Hands, GOSIM EU, UN Open Source Week, Robotics Summit

8. Executive Update

The executive team took questions on the briefing paper. Mr. Wood requested a regular insight into the membership acquisition funnel in future briefings.

9. Project Director Update

Mr. Wood gave the update:

- [Rust 1.94.1](#) had been released
- The Cargo team had put out a [call for testing](#) of -Zbuild-dir-new-layout
- A [security advisory](#) was released for tar, used in Cargo
- [WebAssembly targets](#) will no longer pass --allow-undefined to wasm-ld
- [docs.rs will now only build documentation for x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu](#) unless a crate requests otherwise
- Leadership Council representative selections had been made
- Funding was being considered for the Content Team and for web design for crates.io
- An alumni policy was finalised to regularly check whether project members are still active
- Much discussion was taking place regarding the Project's position on AI contributions
- Representatives from other open source communities (Python, C++, CUDA, Swift, Javascript, Processing and more) had been invited to the all-hands, to help build bridges

10. AOB

Mr. Marcey wanted to place on record his thanks to Mara Bos for attending the WG21 C++ Standards meeting along with the Foundation, where her presence and knowledge helped guide some excellent conclusions around the Rust/C++ interop direction and connections.

The Board discussed Anthropic's [Project Glasswing](#) and its implications for Rust. Ms. Rumbul noted that the Foundation's engineers should be able to gain early access to the results via the partnership with Alpha Omega, Linux Foundation and OpenSSF. The Board requested a monthly update.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at approximately 23:32 UTC.