

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

Date: March 10, 2026

Time: 21:00 UTC

Place: By online videoconference

Directors present:

Peixin Hou

Jack Huey

Ryan Levick

Seth Markle

Niko Matsakis

Carol Nichols

Rohan Patil

Alexandru Radovici

Nell Shamrell-Harrington

Jeffrey vander Stoep

Andrew Wafaa

David Wood

Apologies:

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

Ms. Shamrell-Harrington opened the meeting with opening remarks and a check for a quorum. She welcomed the quorum to the March 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 February 10th, 2026, which were circulated to the Board (the "February 10th Minutes").

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

3. AI Research Initiative Proposal

Sid Askary joined the meeting to discuss establishing an AI Research Initiative at the Rust Foundation. The Board had the opportunity to discuss the proposal and ask clarifying questions.

Mr. Askary undertook to revise the proposal for further discussion at the April meeting. He cited the rapid early fundraising of the Agentic AI Foundation as an example of industry appetite for similar initiatives.

4. Application to join the Rust Innovation Lab

The Foundation had received an application to join the Rust Innovation Lab from Symposium, a wrapper that extends your AI agent of choice to be a more proficient Rust coder. Mr. Matsakis and Mr. Huey stated they would recuse themselves from the decision due to being involved in the development of the project. The Board discussed the merits of the project and agreed to accept the application.

It was also suggested that the agreed revised requirements and preferences for projects to be accepted into the Rust Innovation Lab should be publicised more widely, perhaps via a blog post.

5. crates.io sustainability and monetisation

Ms. Rumbul prefaced the discussion by reminding the board of the [joint statement on sustainable stewardship](#) that the Foundation had signed last year, and providing an update on the direction that some other foundations were choosing to take. She noted that Alpha-Omega had made it clear there was funding available for solutions to the problem of ensuring that package repositories can run sustainably.

Mr. Marcey presented some potential services that could be packaged as an enterprise offering and that the staff team had determined would be technically viable for crates.io. The Board supported exploring this direction of travel and suggested initiating public discussion of the topic (within clearly defined boundaries) to gather feedback from the Project and community.

6. Gold member inclusion in board meetings

The Board was asked to note that the Foundation's bylaws provide for Gold members to elect representatives to the Board only when there are 4 or more Gold members, and consider the resulting gap in representation when there are 3 or fewer.

It was agreed that an invitation should be extended to Gold member companies to attend board meetings as non-voting observers until the threshold for electing a representative was reached. The possibility of recognising and engaging Gold members through other programmes and initiatives, such as the user group, was also raised, with the aim of providing privileges exceeding those available to Silver members. Mr. Radovici offered to discuss with Silver members what benefits might create an incentive for them to upgrade their membership from Silver to Gold.

7. Rust Ecosystem Fund

There was a discussion of an early-stage proposal to create a narrative to encourage and enable coherent commercial investment into the Rust ecosystem through targeted financial support of key crates, projects and maintainers. The Board was content for the staff team to continue exploring this idea.

8. Associate Member Application

The Board considered an application for Associate Membership from the Processing Foundation, which was accepted.

9. Executive Update

The executive team took questions on the briefing paper. Mr. Huey asked about progress on the idea of organising a community summit for the Project alongside RustConf, and Ms. Lorusso confirmed that Foundation staff would be happy to facilitate this if there was a desire for it.

10. Project Director update

Mr. Levick gave the update:

- Rust 1.94 had been released, including support for TOML 1.1 in cargo
- The [2025 State of Rust survey results](#) had been published
- Rust would be participating in both Outreachy and Google Summer of Code in 2026
- The Leadership Council had agreed to fund some grants, at \$16k per person for a year
- Discussions were in progress to gather viewpoints across the project about AI
- He noted a particular concern about companies shifting their internal funding allocations from general support for open source maintainers to AI-related projects, and asked for the Foundation to consider how it could respond to this

11. AOB

There was no other business.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at approximately 23:00 UTC.