

**LF AI Foundation Technical Advisory Council (TAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (6:00am - 7:00am PT)**  
 via Zoom

-Need 8/16 voting members in attendance for quorum (50%) requirement for voting

Member Company	TAC Voting Rep	Attendance
AT&T	Anwar Aftab	
Baidu	Ti Zhou	yes
Ericsson	Rani Yadav-Ranjan	
Huawei	Huang Zhipeng	yes
IBM	Susan Malaika	yes
Nokia	Jonne Soininen	yes
SAS	Nancy Rausch	
Tech Mahindra	Nikunj Nirmal (Nat S.)	yes
Tencent	Bruce Tao	
Zilliz	Jun Gu	yes
ZTE	Wei Meng	yes
Acumos AI Project	Nat Subramanian	yes
Angel Project	Bruce Tao	
Egeria	Mandy Chessell	yes
Horovod Project	Travis Addair	yes
ONNX Project	* Jim Spohrer	yes

\*Chairperson

**-LF Attendees:** Ibrahim Haddad, John Mertic, Jacqueline Serafin,

**Guests:** Patrick McGarry, Shamim Reza, Philippe Dooze (Orange), Thor Chin, Youkim Badr, Ludan Stoeckle – BNP Paribas CIB, Karen Ottoni, Han Ziao,, Luis Quintanilla (MSFT)

**Presenters:** Fritz Obermeyer, Amir Banifatemi, Andrew Tauhert, Vasu Naidu, Shubhra Kar, Pranab Vajpai

**Minutes:** First motion Nat S, Second motion Mandy C results: Approved, and no abstains or objections

**Agenda**

**Pyro Graduation Proposal:** First motion Howard Z, second motion Mandy C, results: Approved, and no abstains or objections.

**Upcoming TACs**

- December 17th: Tentative Pyro graduated project proposal and additional new incubation project
- December 31st : No meeting - New Year's Eve Holiday

- January 14<sup>th</sup>: Seldon Incubation (Alex Hatley), Sandbox (Ibrahim), LF AI & Data Services (Mertic)

## Upcoming Events

- [AI/ML/DL presented by LF AI Foundation” Track at OSS Japan – Dec 2-4](#)

## LF AI TAC Resources:

- LF AI & Data TAC Wiki - <https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation>
- LF AI & Data TAC Mail List – <https://lists.lfaidata.foundation>
- LF AI & Data Slack – <https://slack.lfaidata.foundation>

## Meeting Minutes:

- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please reference meeting deck/slides sent to tac-general@lists.lfaidata.foundation mail list and meeting recording posted to TAC wiki for today’s full meeting content details. Below you will find only a summary of key discussion topics, decisions, follow up actions, and any relevant voting items
- Meeting Information
  - Meeting deck/slides are sent to TAC mail list: tac-general@lists.lfaidata.foundation
  - All mail list message history can be accessed by logging into your Groups.io account and viewing the TAC mail list messages: <https://lists.lfaidata.foundation/g/tac-general/topics>
  - Meetings are recorded and posted to LF AI & Data TAC Wiki
  - Meetings led by Jim Spohrer, TAC Chair
  - Minutes for today’s meeting recorded by Jim Spohrer, TAC Chair
- Antitrust policy notice reminder
- Recording notice
- Useful LF AI & Data links shared for reference
- Agenda review and roll call (roster noted above) of TAC Voting Members (Premier Members and TAC/Graduate Projects)
- Meeting minutes approval voting

## Meeting Agenda

- › **Roll Call (2 mins)**
- › **Approval of Minutes (2 mins)**
- › **Project Graduation Proposal + Q&A + TAC Vote (25 minutes)**
- › **Pyro (Fritz Obermeyer)**
- › **Invited Presentation (15 minutes)**
- › **XPrize (Amir Banifatemi, Andrew Tauhert)**
- › **Invited Presentation (10 minutes)**
- › **IT Update on new security services (Vasu Naidu, Shubhra Kar, Pranab Bajpai)**

- › **LF AI General Updates (3 minutes)**
- › **Open Discussion (3 minutes)**

**Proposed Motion:** The minutes of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 and meeting were previously shared with the TAC for review; and there were no comments, questions, or corrections

- **VOTE:** First motion made by Nat S., and seconded by Mandy C., the minutes of the December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 meeting were approved.
- **Approved, no abstains or objects**
- **Incubation Proposal: Pyro**
  - Franz Obermeyer (Broad Institute Harvard & MIT)
  - Proposed Resolution:
    - The TAC approves the Pyro as an Graduate project of the LF AI & Data Foundation
    - Vote: 1<sup>st</sup> Howard Z., 2<sup>nd</sup> Mandy C., no abstains or objects
    - Next Step: Governing Board vote – probably Feb meeting
- **Invited Presentations: XPrize**
  - Amir Banifatemi, Andrew Tauhert (XPrize Foundation)
- **Invited Presentations: IT Update on new security services**
  - Vasu Naidu, Shubhra Kar, Pranab (Linux Foundation)

○ **LF AI & Data General Updates**

- Project Updates
- LF AI & Data Landscape reviewed
- List of current projects noted, available here:  
<https://landscape.lfaidata.foundation/format=card-mode>
- Growing developer community
- List of companies hosting projects in LF AI & Data
- How to host a project in LF AI & Data
  - Hosted project stages and life cycle: <https://lfaidata.foundation/project-stages-and-lifecycle/>
  - Offered services for hosted projects: <https://lfaidata.foundation/services-for-projects/>
  - Contact: Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair) and Ibrahim Haddad (ED, LF AI)
- Upcoming Releases
  - For links to details on upcoming releases for LF AI & Data hosted projects visit the Technical Project Releases wiki
  - Project releases will be announced via a blog post and promoted on LF

AI Twitter and/or LinkedIn social channels

- If you are an LF AI hosted project and would like LF AI to promote your release, reach out to [pr@lfaidata.foundation](mailto:pr@lfaidata.foundation) to coordinate in advance (min 2 wks) of your expected release date. Please email [pr@lfaidata.foundation](mailto:pr@lfaidata.foundation) for more details and/or questions.

- Project Graduation Opportunities: TBD
- Note on Quorum
  - As LF AI is growing, we now have 16 voting members on the TAC.
  - TAC representative - please ensure you attend the bi-weekly calls or email Jacqueline/Ibrahim to designate an alternate representative when you cannot make it.
  - We need to ensure quorum on the calls especially when we have items to vote on.

- Outreach Committee Updates

- LF AI Events

- Upcoming Events
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    - Visit the LF AI Events Calendar or the LF AI 2020 Events wiki for a list of all events
    - To participate visit the LF AI 2020 Events wiki page or email [info@lfaidata.foundation](mailto:info@lfaidata.foundation)
  - Please consider holding virtual events
    - To discuss participation, please email [events@lfaidata.foundation](mailto:events@lfaidata.foundation)
- Upcoming Events - <https://lfaidata.foundation/events/>
  - [LF AI Day: ONNX Community Virtual Meetup – March 2021](#) March 24, 2021 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm PT USA (Asia-friendly time – Host Ti Zhou - Baidu)
  - [LF AI & Data Booth at Open Source Summit North America – August 4 – 6, 2021](#)
- Recent Events
  - [AI/ML/DL presented by LF AI Foundation” Track at OSS Japan – Dec 2-4](#)

- PR/Comms Updates
- Please follow LF AI & Data on Twitter & LinkedIn and help amplify news via your social networks - Please retweet and share!
  - Also watch for news updates via the tac-general mail list
  - View recent announcement on the LF AI & Data Blog
- Open call to publish project/committee updates or other relevant content on the LF AI & Data Blog

- To discuss more details on participation or upcoming announcements, please email [pr@lfaidata.foundation](mailto:pr@lfaidata.foundation)

- Questions on participation details or upcoming announcements? Email [pr@lfaidata.foundation](mailto:pr@lfaidata.foundation)

○ Call to Participate in Ongoing TAC Committee Efforts

- ML Workflow
  - Slack conversation channel: #ml-workflow  
<https://lfaifoundation.slack.com/archives/C011V9VSMQR>
  - Wiki: <https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/display/DL/ML+Workflow+Committee>
  - To participate by email: <https://lists.lfaidata.foundation/g/mlworkflow-committee>
- Trusted AI Committee
  - Slack conversation channel: #trusted-ai-committee  
<https://lfaifoundation.slack.com/archives/CPS6Q1E8G>
  - Wiki: <https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/display/DL/Trusted+AI+Committee>
  - To participate by email: <https://lists.lfaidata.foundation/g/trustedai-committee/>
- BI & AI Committee
  - Slack conversation channel: #bi-ai-committee  
<https://lfaifoundation.slack.com/archives/C01EK5ND073>
  - Wiki: <https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=35160417>
  - To participate by email: <https://lists.lfaidata.foundation/g/biai-discussion>

■ Ongoing Effort to Create AI Ethics Training – two hour video

- To join conversation on Slack:  
#edx\_project <https://lfaifoundation.slack.com/archives/C015NJUMR3M>
- Initial developed course by the LF: Ethics in AI and Big Data - published on edX platform:  
<https://www.edx.org/course/ethics-in-ai-and-big-data>
- The goal is to build 2 more modules and package all 3 as a professional certificate - a requirement for edX
- The LF would cover the cost of the production and promotion
- The course would be offered for free
- The credit of the course will go to content creator and their organizations
- Initial interested parties: IBM, AI for People, Montreal AI Ethics Institute, Ethical ML Institute
- To participate: <https://lists.lfaidata.foundation/g/aiethics-training>

● Next regularly scheduled TAC meetings

- **December 31st : No meeting - New Year's Eve Holiday**
- **January 14th: TBD –Dataset Lifecycle Framework - Project proposal Yiannis Gkoufas (IBM), Seldon – Incubation Proposal, Sandbox – Revise Project Stages Policy Proposal, LF AI & Data Services**
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- TAC meeting details reminders
  - To subscribe to the TAC Group Calendar, visit the wiki:  
<https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/x/XQB2>
  - Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/430697670>
- Please send agenda topic requests to [tac-general@lists.lfaidata.foundation](mailto:tac-general@lists.lfaidata.foundation)

- Open Discussion