

2Q-25 usTLD Stakeholder Meeting Agenda
May 15, 2025 | 12pm Eastern Daylight Time



May 15th 2025

I. Welcome

II. Roll call and approval of February 2025 minutes

Attendees:

- **Stakeholder Council:** Dustin Loop, Brian Britt, Ray King, Tom Barrett, Doug Robinson, Lauren Price
- **Registry Services:** Crystal Peterson, Kristin Johnson, Fernando España, Melissa Cohen, Lee Aragon
- **NTIA:** Isabel stepping in for Susan
- *Additional note: Lauren Price joined later with limited audio capability.*

DLoup: Motions to approve 1Q meeting minutes. Seconded by Ray King. No objections. Minutes approved.

DLoup: Moves to Stakeholder updates.

III. Stakeholder & Administrator Updates

Subcommittee Updates

- **Premium Names Subcommittee:** Members - Brian Britt, Ray King, Becky Burr. Facilitated by Dustin Loop with Crystal Peterson supporting.
- Draft circulated (led by Ray King) for council review.
- Final discussion and possible approval targeted for Q3 meeting.

Key Discussion Points:

1. Impact Assessment:

- Premium program unlikely to harm .US namespace reputation or stability if implemented with reasonable policies.
- Existing registrants not impacted; premium pricing applies only to unregistered or dropped names.

2. Pricing Model:

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- Subcommittee recommends a high–low model: higher one-time registration fee, renewal at standard GA price.
- More flexible tier structures encouraged to avoid repeated approval requests.
- 3. **Reserved Names:**
 - Maintain restrictions on two-letter names (potential for future state/territory use).
 - Review older reserved names list for relevance (e.g., certain government-related terms).
 - Some may be released at GA, others could enter premium program.
- 4. **Registrar Visibility:**
 - Registrars should not see premium status on active registrations; premium pricing applies only at time of drop.
 - Helps prevent aftermarket distortions.
- 5. **Next Steps:**
 - Councilors to review and indicate support/concerns.
 - Potential Q3 vote on subcommittee recommendations.

Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) Subcommittee

- Members: Bartlett and Michele (not present). Facilitated by Dustin.
- Early draft positions exist but no recommendations yet.

Proposal:

- Fold IDN work into a broader new subcommittee: **Innovation, Governance, and Security Council Subcommittee (IGS)**.
- Scope: broader oversight of innovation (e.g., IDNs, premium names), governance, cybersecurity, abuse mitigation, and security/stability.
- Membership may include Council, external experts, government, and public stakeholders.
- Planned to meet in person annually with regular updates to Council.

Other

Doug Robinson flagged ongoing discussions with U.S. states on mandatory .GOV usage, impacting some traditional .US government domains. Further update scheduled under stakeholder reports.

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Action Items

1. **Dustin Loup** – circulate premium names draft and questionnaire to Council (support, questions, concerns).
2. **Council Members** – provide feedback on premium names recommendations within a few weeks.
3. **Registry Services** – evaluate scope and next steps around forming an Innovation, Governance, and Security Council Subcommittee.

IV. Q2 Marketing Update

Slides will be emailed out to Council.

V. AOB & Closing

Next Meeting

- **Q3 2025 Council Meeting** – review premium names recommendations and updates from new IGS subcommittee.