

PMSI GOVERNANCE CHARTER (v1.0)

Protocol & Measurement Specification Index

1. Mandate

The Protocol & Measurement Specification Index (PMSI) exists solely to define canonical terms, specify measurement methodologies, record procedural references, and preserve versioned institutional memory. PMSI does not execute, verify, certify, evaluate, or interpret outcomes.

2. Scope (Strict)

PMSI may define terminology, publish measurement specifications, maintain reference indices, archive historical versions, and document procedural logic. PMSI may not assess performance, record real-world entities or individuals, issue credentials, implement systems, advise policy, or engage in commercial activity.

3. Authority Model

PMSI holds epistemic authority only. Authority derives from internal consistency, clarity, and citation. PMSI has no enforcement power, cannot compel adoption, and cannot endorse implementations.

4. Governance Structure

PMSI is governed by a Stewardship Council whose sole responsibility is custodianship. The council may approve definitions, measurement specifications, versioning actions, and scope-enforcement decisions. No member may exercise unilateral authority.

5. Decision Rules

All decisions require quorum. Conflicts of interest require mandatory recusal. Decisions must be documented with rationale. Silence is preferred to premature inclusion. If a proposal increases ambiguity, it is rejected.

6. Versioning & Amendment

All changes are versioned. Backward compatibility is documented explicitly. Deprecated elements remain archived. Amendments do not rewrite historical records.

7. Neutrality & Separation

PMSI maintains permanent neutrality from all execution, verification, commercial, or policy-implementing entities. PMSI does not share governance, funding dependencies, or operational authority with downstream users. Only non-binding reference and citation are permitted.

8. Sustainability

PMSI must remain low-cost, low-visibility, and non-expansionary. Acceptable funding sources are limited to endowments, institutional hosting, or maintenance grants not contingent on adoption, growth, or outcomes.

9. Self-Invalidation Clause

PMSI must declare itself invalid if scope boundaries are breached, epistemic authority is exercised beyond reference, commercial incentives are introduced, or neutrality is compromised.

10. Dissolution

If PMSI can no longer operate within these constraints, it must dissolve rather than adapt.

Foundational Principle

PMSI exists to make meaning stable, not to make outcomes better.

This project is analytical and non-authoritative; it defines reference terms and measurement specifications only and does not execute, verify, certify, evaluate, interpret, or confer operational, legal, or commercial authority.