

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Preliminary Charter

.human

A trusted, dignity-centered, and creativity-affirming namespace

APPLYING ENTITY	Human Centered Holdings LLC
APPLIED-FOR STRING	.human
APPLICATION TYPE	Standard gTLD (open registration)
CHARTER STATUS	Preliminary; final Charter to be ratified by inaugural Council
DOCUMENT VERSION	1.1 • July 2026

PREAMBLE

The .human top-level domain is being applied for, secured, and operated for a specific purpose: to provide a trusted, dignity-centered, and creativity-affirming online namespace where human-centered organizations and individuals can express, organize, and identify their work in service of human flourishing. Because every human advance in history has begun as a creative act, the .human namespace treats creative practitioners and creators as a first-class constituent of the human-centered community.

That purpose is too important to live only in the registry operator's intentions. It must live in the registry's governance. The Community Advisory Council established by this Charter is the governance instrument by which the human-centered community is given a structural voice in the stewardship of .human.

This Charter is the public record of that commitment.

Article I. Establishment and Authority

Section 1.01. Establishment. Human Centered Holdings LLC hereby establishes the .human Community Advisory Council (the “Council”).

Section 1.02. Authority. The Council is established pursuant to the Registry Policies published by Human Centered Holdings LLC for the .human gTLD (the “Registry Policies”), and is described in the Additional Information response (Section 3, Question 222) of the .human gTLD application.

Section 1.03. Founding Policy Text. The Community Advisory Council policy (Registry Policies, Section 6) reads, in full:

The Registry Operator shall establish, no later than the commencement of General Availability, and thereafter maintain a Community Advisory Council with seats representing the six constituent sectors of the human-centered community: civil-society and nonprofit organizations; mental-health and wellness practitioners; human-rights advocates; ethical-AI signatories; dignity-focused initiatives; and creative practitioners and creators. The Council shall meet at least quarterly and shall be consulted on (i) Reserved Name allocation, (ii) material changes to registry policies, (iii) DNS Abuse Policy updates, and (iv) the Annual Community Impact Report. The Registry Operator shall publish the Council charter, member roster, and meeting summaries on its public website.

Section 1.04. Charter Status. This Charter operationalizes that policy. The Charter, the member roster, and meeting summaries shall be published on the Registry Operator's public website as required by the Registry Policies.

Article II. Purpose and Mission

Section 2.01. Mission. The Council provides community voice in the stewardship of the .human namespace and ensures that registry policy evolution remains informed by the human-centered community.

Section 2.02. Defined Community. For purposes of this Charter, the “human-centered community” comprises the constituent sectors identified in Section 1, Question 133 of the .human gTLD application:

1. Civil-society and nonprofit organizations recognized in their jurisdiction (e.g., 501(c)(3) in the United States, equivalent abroad).
2. Mental-health, wellness, and care-provider organizations and licensed practitioners.
3. Human-rights advocates and advocacy organizations.
4. Signatories to recognized ethical-AI frameworks (Asilomar AI Principles, Montreal Declaration for Responsible AI, IEEE Ethically Aligned Design, Partnership on AI, OECD AI Principles, UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of AI).
5. Dignity-focused initiatives addressing anti-trafficking, refugee support, and disability advocacy.
6. Creative practitioners and creators, including artists, writers, designers, musicians, filmmakers, poets, makers, and inventors, verified through recognized professional creative guilds, associations, or academies, accredited creative-arts credentials, or a documented body of published, exhibited, or performed creative work.

Section 2.03. Governance Posture. The Council is advisory in nature and does not displace the Registry Operator's contractual obligations or accountability under the Registry Agreement. The advisory posture is the deliberate and bounded design choice described in the Registry Policies (Section 6) and in the Additional Information response (Section 3, Question 222) of the .human application.

Article III. Membership

Section 3.01. Composition. The Council shall be composed of six (6) voting Community Seats, with the Registry Operator's policy lead serving as a non-voting Secretary to convene meetings and maintain records.

Seat	Constituency
1	Civil-society / nonprofit sector
2	Mental-health and wellness sector
3	Human-rights advocates and advocacy organizations
4	Ethical-AI framework signatories
5	Dignity-focused initiatives (anti-trafficking, refugee support, disability advocacy)
6	Creative practitioners and creators (artists, writers, designers, musicians, filmmakers, poets, makers, inventors)

The Council may, by majority vote, recommend the addition of further seats over time; expansion is at the Registry Operator's discretion in consultation with the Council.

Section 3.02. Term. Voting Community Seats serve two-year terms, renewable. Terms are staggered so that no more than three (3) voting seats turn over in any given year.

Section 3.03. Eligibility. Voting Community Seat members shall hold a documented affiliation with the constituency they represent and shall be in good standing in their professional or organizational community. Officers or employees of the Registry Operator may not occupy a voting Community Seat.

Section 3.04. Selection. The Registry Operator shall solicit nominations from organizing bodies in each constituent sector named in Section 2.02 and shall select Seats on the basis of constituency representation, demonstrated expertise, and conflict-of-interest screening. Subsequent vacancies are filled by the same process, with input from the seated Council.

Section 3.05. Removal. A voting Community Seat may be removed for (i) three consecutive unexcused absences, (ii) loss of the affiliation that qualified the member for the seat, or (iii) failure to disclose a material conflict of interest, by majority vote of the remaining voting Seats.

Section 3.06. Compensation. Voting Community Seat members serve without compensation. The Registry Operator may, at its discretion, reimburse reasonable expenses incurred in connection with Council service.

Article IV. Consultation

Section 4.01. Consultation Matters. Pursuant to the Registry Policies, the Registry Operator shall consult the Council on each of the following before adoption or material modification:

1. Reserved Name allocation under the Name Selection Safeguards policy (Registry Policies, Section 4).
2. Material changes to the Registry Policies, including the .human Acceptable Use Policy and the eligibility criteria operated under the Eligibility Verification Program (Registry Policies, Section 3).
3. DNS Abuse Policy updates (Registry Policies, Section 5).
4. The Annual Community Impact Report (Registry Policies, Section 7).

These are the Council's standing consultation matters under the Registry Policies, together with any other matter the Registry Operator elects to refer to the Council.

Section 4.02. Consultation Mechanics. The Registry Operator will provide the Council with a written proposal in reasonable advance of adoption and will consider in good faith any recommendation the Council returns. Where a Council recommendation is not adopted, the Registry Operator will note the divergence in the next published meeting summary.

Section 4.03. Community Concerns. The Council may receive and consider concerns raised by registrants or members of the human-centered community regarding the application of registry policy. The Council may, at its discretion, communicate such concerns and any recommendations to the Registry Operator, which will consider them in good faith. Nothing in this Section creates a formal dispute procedure or supersedes the Registry Operator's existing complaint, abuse-reporting, or rights-protection processes, which remain the primary channels for binding resolution.

Article V. Meetings and Operations

Section 5.01. Frequency. The Council shall meet no less than quarterly, satisfying the meeting cadence required by the Registry Policies. The Council may meet more frequently at the call of the Chair.

Section 5.02. Format. Meetings may be held in person, by videoconference, or hybrid. The default format is videoconference.

Section 5.03. Quorum. A quorum is four (4) voting Community Seats.

Section 5.04. Voting. Council action is by simple majority of voting members present.

Section 5.05. Chair. The Council shall elect from among its voting Seats a Chair for a one-year term, renewable. The Chair sets the agenda in consultation with the Secretary.

Section 5.06. Meeting Summaries. Within a reasonable period after each meeting, the Secretary shall publish a non-confidential meeting summary on the Registry Operator's public website, in fulfillment of the Registry Policies' publication requirement.

Section 5.07. Confidentiality. The Council shall handle as confidential (i) personally identifying information of complainants, (ii) commercially sensitive Registry Operator information that is marked as such on disclosure, and (iii) any matter under active ICANN Contractual Compliance review.

Article VI. Conflicts of Interest

Section 6.01. Disclosure. Each voting member shall provide, at appointment and annually thereafter, a written conflict-of-interest disclosure covering financial or organizational interests that may create a directional conflict with their Council role.

Section 6.02. Recusal. A member with a disclosed conflict in a matter before the Council shall recuse from the discussion and vote on that matter. Recusals are recorded in the meeting summary.

Article VII. Publication

Section 7.01. Published Materials. Pursuant to the Registry Policies, the Registry Operator shall publish and maintain, on its public website:

1. This Charter.
2. The current member roster, including each member's constituency.
3. Meeting summaries following each meeting (Section 5.06).

Article VIII. Charter Amendment

Section 8.01. Amendment Procedure. This Charter may be amended by (i) majority vote of the voting Community Seats and (ii) written concurrence of the Registry Operator. Amendments shall not reduce the Council's role below the level required by the Registry Policies.

Article IX. Relationship to the Registry Agreement

Section 9.01. Registry Policies Anchor. The Community Advisory Council is established under the Registry Policies published by the Registry Operator. This Charter is the operational instrument by which that policy is performed. To the extent any provision of this Charter is inconsistent with the executed Registry Agreement, the Registry Agreement controls.

Section 9.02. Companion Registry Policies. This Charter operates alongside the other Registry Policies published by the Registry Operator (section references are to the Registry Policies document):

Section	Subject
Section 3	Voluntary Registrant Eligibility Verification
Section 4	Name Selection Safeguards
Section 5	DNS Abuse Policy
Section 6	Community Advisory Council (this Charter)
Section 7	Annual Community Impact Report
Section 8	Community Reinvestment (maintained as published registry policy, reported in the Annual Community Impact Report)

Section 9.03. Severability. If any provision of this Charter is held unenforceable, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

Article X. Effective Date and Adoption

Section 10.01. Effective Date. This preliminary Charter is effective on the date set forth below and remains in force until the inaugural Council ratifies a final Charter, which shall not reduce the Council's role below the level required by the Registry Policies.

Section 10.02. Filing. This Charter is filed with the .human gTLD application as a supporting exhibit referenced in Section 3, Question 222 (Additional Information: Community Alignment Narrative) of the application.

Adopted by Human Centered Holdings LLC

By: _____

Justin O'Mara Henning

Founder & Manager

Human Centered Holdings LLC

1525 US Highway 380, Suite 500 #362, Frisco, TX 75033

Date: _____

Filed in support of the .human New gTLD Application • Human Centered Holdings LLC • ICANN 2026 New gTLD Program Round. This Charter operationalizes the Community Advisory Council policy (Registry Policies, Section 6) published by the Registry Operator.