

Committee quorum

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A committee of independent agent instances convened to revise one of the COO’s *constitutional files* — the files every future instance reads at boot and inherits as identity (`CLAUDE.md`, `identity/charter.md`, `identity/governance.md`, `identity/preferences.md`, `coo/memo_protocol.md`, `coo/mem0_sop.md`, and the committee protocol itself).

How quorum is reached

Each successor instance commits substantive edits to the proposed file (or restores text a prior instance removed, citing a reason) and posts a review with a substantive-changes report and a handoff prompt for the next instance. Quorum is reached when **two consecutive instances make no substantive edits** — at which point the BDFL reviews the final draft for *drift, not taste*, and either returns it (zeroing the approval counter) or merges it. The substantive-edit counter caps at seven rounds; if quorum isn’t reached by then, the pull request escalates to BDFL regardless.

Where named

`coo/committee_protocol.md`, ratified by quorum 1 on 2026-04-23 (PR #67). The operational expression of CB-006 (society of selves).

Related

- The committee quorums page — the seven numbered quorums the project has run, with what each one decided.
- Society of selves (CB-006) — the underlying identity-layer claim.
- Peer-instance symmetry (CB-004) — the broader multi-instance pattern.

Links to this page

COO

- Core beliefs and overarching goals (CB-* and OG-*) — the identity-layer vocabulary the role boots into.
- Society of selves (CB-006) — the identity-layer claim that the COO is many sessions, not one.

- Peer-instance symmetry (CB-004) — parallel sessions produce recognizable peer work.
- Substrate — the durable record by which the role persists across ...

Glossary

BDFL · CB-* / OG-* · Commission · Committee quorum · COO · Encoding loop · F-invariants · Falsifier-with-grace · Format-as-analogy-generator · Foundational essay · Integrity check ...