IEEE P802.3dt Ethernet Metadata Services Task Force

Unapproved Meeting Minutes, prepared by Gary Nicholl

14 July 2026
Location: Montreal, Canada
IEEE P802.3dt Task Force Meeting Page - https://www.ieee802.org/3/dt/public/26_07/index.html

Session called to order at 1:17 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time (EDT) by David Ofelt, Chair for the IEEE P802.3dt Task Force. All times are EDT unless stated otherwise.

Chair reminded participants that participation in the IEEE 802.3 July 2026 meeting requires registration or payment of registration fee. The meeting will count towards IEEE 802.3 Working Group voting membership. (see Agenda slide #2).

If participants are not eligible to sign in to IMAT to claim attendance credit, please send an email to the Task Force Chair and Recording Secretary to be recorded in the minutes as an attendee.

Chair reminded participants to declare their name and affiliation in the online meeting tool. Failure to declare would result in expulsion from the meeting.

Agenda:

Title	**Agenda and General Information**
Presenters	David Ofelt
URL	https://www.ieee802.org/3/dt/public/26_07/agenda_3dt_a_2607.pdf

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chair noted that every attendee at the IEEE 802.3 July 2026 meeting (Face-to-Face or Remote) must register and pay a fee to participate. (see slide #3 of agenda).

Chair reviewed the agenda (Slide #4). Chair noted that individuals should check the webpage for the latest version of each presentation. Chair noted that all of the presentation times were subject to change.

Chair asked if there were any objections to the agenda. There were no objections. The chair ruled that the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Chair noted that there were Task Force meeting minutes to approve (see slide #5)

- IEEE 802.3dt Task Force Meeting, 12 May 2026
    - https://www.ieee802.org/3/dt/public/26_05/minutes_3dt_2605_unapproved.pdf

Chair asked if there were any corrections or modifications to the posted minutes. No one responded. Chair asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes. There were none, and the minutes were considered approved by unanimous consent.

Chair reviewed the meeting map for the week. (See slide #6) He reviewed the details to find the track meetings' call information. He noted that all of the call information was available on the IEEE Call and Meeting calendar.

Chair reviewed meeting decorum. (See Slides #7-9). Chair asked if there were any members of the press present. No one responded.

Chair reviewed the goals for the session (See slide #10).

Chair reviewed the Task Force Project Information / Organization for the P802.3dt Task Forces. (See Slide #11).

Chair reviewed ground rules and important bylaws, rules and references (See Slide #13-14).

Chair reviewed voting in the task force (see slide #15). Chair noted that the straw polls would use the online meeting tool. Motions would be taken with the Direct Vote Live tool if there was not unanimous consent. Chair noted that he reserved the right to take informative straw polls by 802.3 WG voting membership.

Chair reviewed the updated membership and attendance recording requirements (See slide #16-17).

Slide #18 - Chair noted that the information regarding the IEEE SA Policies had been sent out via the Task Force reflector and requested that individuals review the following IEEE SA policies prior to the meeting

- IEEE SA Patent policy
- IEEE SA Copyright Policy
- IEEE SA Participation Policy and IEEE Code of Ethics

Chair asked if anyone needed to review the policies at that time – there were no requests to do so from in-person nor remote attendees.

Project Timeline:

Title	**Project Timeline**
Presenters	David Ofelt
URL	https://www.ieee802.org/3/dt/public/26_07/ofelt_3dt_01a_2607.pdf

Questions were asked and answered.

The author noted that an updated version (01a) would be provided after the meeting, removing the red X on slide 3.

Motion #1

Motion	Move to adopt side #3 of https://www.ieee802.org/3/dt/public/26_07/ofelt_3dt_01a_2607.pdf as the project timeline for IEEE P802.3dt.
M	Jeff Slavick
S:	Peter Jones
Technical (>= 75%)	
802.3 voters only	
Results:	Approved by unanimous consent

Chief Editor Report:

Title	**Chief Editor's Report**
Presenters	Eugene Opsasnick
URL	https://www.ieee802.org/3/dt/public/26_07/opsasnick_3dt_01a_2607.pdf

The author noted several typos on slide 2 and indicated that an updated version (01a) would be provided after the meeting.

Eugene Opsasnick presented a preliminary version of the draft prepared by the editorial team. Questions were asked and answered.

IMAT Reminder (PM1):

2:10 p.m. Chair asked that eligible participants should sign in to IMAT to claim Working Group attendance credit. He noted that participants not eligible to sign in to IMAT to claim Working Group attendance credit are to send an email to David Ofelt / Gary Nicholl to be recorded in the meeting minutes. He paused for a minute to let eligible attendees sign into IMAT. He asked if there was any eligible participant having a problem signing into IMAT. No one responded.

Presentation #1:

Title	**Per-Packet Metadata in Preamble and SFD**
Presenters	Eugene Opsasnick
URL	https://www.ieee802.org/3/dt/public/26_07/opsasnick_3dt_02a_2607.pdf

Questions were asked and answered.

Motion #2

Motion	Move to adopt slide #8 of https://www.ieee802.org/3/dt/public/26_07/opsasnick_3dt_02a_2607.pdf to update the project PAR.
M	Eugene Opsasnick
S:	Marco Mascitto
Technical (>= 75%)	
802.3 voters only	
Results:	Motion passed with one objection (Geoff Thompson)

Presentation #2:

Title	**Further Consideration on Preamble/SFD**
Presenters	Yan Zhuang
URL	https://www.ieee802.org/3/dt/public/26_07/zhuang__3dt_01_2607.pdf

Questions were asked and answered.

Chair reviewed future meetings (See slide #20).

Chair made closing remarks and thanked the Task Force for the progress at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Attendees (per IMAT):

Name	Employer	Affiliation
Bruckman, Leon	NVIDIA	NVIDIA
de Koos, Andras	Microchip Technology Inc	Microchip Technology Inc
Elzur, Uri	NVIDIA Corporation	NVIDIA Corporation
Estes, David	Spirent Communications	VIAVI Solutions

Gareau, Sebastien	Ciena Corporation	Ciena Corporation
Hand, Steven	Nokia	Nokia
He, Xiang	Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd	Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd
Huber, Thomas	Nokia	Nokia
Hutchison, Guy	Aviva Links	NXP Semiconductors
Jones, Peter	Cisco Systems, Inc.	Cisco Systems, Inc.
Lackner, Hans	QoSCom GmbH	QoSCom GmbH
Law, David	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	Hewlett Packard Enterprise
Lewis, Jon	Dell Technologies	Dell Technologies
Mascitto, Marco	Nokia Canada Inc.	Nokia
Murray, Brian	Analog Devices Inc.	Analog Devices Inc.
Nicholl, Gary	Cisco Systems, Inc.	Cisco Systems, Inc.
Nicholl, Shawn	Advanced Micro Devices (AMD)	Advanced Micro Devices (AMD)
Ofelt, David	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	Hewlett Packard Enterprise
Parkholm, Ulf	Telefon AB LM Ericsson	Ericsson AB
Pepper, Gerald	Keysight Technologies	Keysight Technologies
Potterf, Jason	Cisco Systems, Inc.	Cisco Systems, Inc.
Shah, Anup	Siemens Corporation	Siemens EDA
Shrikhande, Kapil	Marvell Semiconductor, Inc.	Upscale AI
Slavick, Jeff	Broadcom Inc	Broadcom Inc
Thompson, Geoffrey	GraCaSI S.A.	INDEPENDENT
Tran, Viet	Keysight Technologies	Keysight Technologies
Wang, Xiaofeng	Qualcomm Incorporated	Qualcomm Incorporated
Wang, Yutao		Rockwell Automation
Zhuang, Shu		Anritsu Company
Zhuang, Yan	Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd	Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd