T11-2021-00287-v000

Draft Minutes
INCITS Fibre Channel (T11) Technical Committee
Regular Meeting #167
07 October 2021 – 1 PM to 3 PM PDT
Coeur d'Alene, ID (Hybrid Meeting)

1 Opening Remarks and Introductions

1.1 Introductory Remarks

TC T11 chair Steve Wilson (Broadcom) convened regular meeting #167 of the INCITS Fibre Channel (T11) Technical Committee on Thursday, 07 October 2021 at 1:00 PM PDT. He introduced himself and thanked our hosts SNIA/SFF for the physical meeting facilities and Marvell for the virtual meeting facilities.

He next introduced Vice-Chair Craig Carlson (Marvell) and Patty Driever (IBM) as secretary.

1.2 Self-introductions

The chair then asked those present in the room to introduce themselves.

1.3 Operating under INCITS Procedures

1.3.1 Patent Information

The chair indicated that among the rules and policies under which this Technical Committee operates are the ANSI intellectual property policies as specified in pages 1-3 of INCITS patent policy slides available from http://www.incits.org/standards-information/legal-info. He displayed these pages without comment or explanation, and directed that questions about the policy should be referred to the questioner’s legal counsel or the ANSI General Counsel.
1.3.2 Antitrust Guidelines

The chair indicated that among the rules and policies under which this Technical Committee operates are the INCITS Antitrust Guidelines as specified in http://www.incits.org/standards-information/legal-info. Any person present at the meeting is responsible for objecting if he believes discussion in the meeting violates those guidelines. As examples, there should never be discussion of the following topics at any INCITS or INCITS subgroup meeting:

- Any company's prices or pricing policies;
- Specific R&D, sales and marketing plans;
- Any company's confidential product, product development or production strategies;
- Whether certain suppliers or customers will be served;
- Prices paid to input sources; or
- Complaints about individual firms or other actions that might tend to hinder a competitor in any market.

If such discussion is not immediately terminated, it is the chairperson’s responsibility to terminate the meeting.

1.3.3 Code of Conduct

The chair reminded everyone that we are operating under the INCITS Code of Conduct (found at https://www.incits.org/standards-information/policies). The General Principles of this code include:

- Respect others
- Behave ethically
- Escalate and resolve disputes
- Work for the net benefit of the community
- Uphold consensus and governance
- Agree to a clear purpose and scope
- Participate actively and manage effective participation

1.3.4 Public access rules

The chair indicated that among the rules and policies under which this Technical Committee operates are the INCITS rules for operating in Public Access Mode, as specified in Section...

The chair encouraged those nonmembers who attend T11 meetings regularly or intend to attend T11 meetings regularly to join the organization. He further advised that nonmembers, by remaining in this meeting, acknowledge that they understand and agree to the policies of this meeting.
1.4 Attendance

The chair instructed those present how to register using the electronic attendance list for this meeting, found via the URL http://standards.incits.org/login. He reminded those present that both the electronic attendance list and physical presence at the meeting will be required to qualify as attendance for formal records of this meeting.

2 Approval of the Agenda

An electronic version of the agenda was posted as T11-2021-00244-v001. The chair presented the agenda with final updates as T11-2021-00244-v002 and made a call for any changes and new agenda items. No changes or new items were requested.

Tom Palkert (Macom) moved and Chris Lyon (Amphenol) seconded that T11-2021-00244-v002 as presented at this meeting be approved as the agenda for this meeting. The motion passed by acclamation.

3 Attendance and Membership

3.1 Gaining and Losing Voting Membership

Information on how membership is gained, maintained, and lost in any INCITS Technical Committee or Task Group may be found in the INCITS Organization, Policies, and Procedures found at http://www.incits.org. An overview of these requirements was introduced by the chair and was available to all attendees among the electronically distributed meeting documents.

The vice chair presented the current list of members and representatives, and invited corrections. The membership effective for this meeting, as adjusted for changes introduced at this meeting, is shown in annex A.1. Attendance for this meeting is shown in annex A.2. Attendance for the ad hoc meetings is shown in annex A.3.

3.2 Changes in Representation Since the Last Meeting

The following changes in representation have been made since the last meeting:

Chaohong (Henry) Hu was removed as Alternate for Futurewei Technologies, Inc. Other representation for Futurewei remains the same.
Dr. Fang Cai was added as Alternate for Credo Semiconductor. Other representation for
Credo remains the same.

3.3 New Voting Memberships

- No additional companies answered the vice-chair’s call so none were granted voting membership at this meeting.

3.4 Voting memberships in jeopardy for attendance

- No company is in membership jeopardy for non-attendance during this meeting cycle.

3.5 Voting memberships in jeopardy for non-payment of dues

- There were no companies in membership jeopardy for non-payment of dues.

3.6 Voting memberships in jeopardy for letter ballot performance

- Cisco and Macom are in membership jeopardy for letter ballot performance for not having voted on two of last 3 T11 letter ballots.

3.7 Membership for this meeting

Technical Committee T11 had 17 voting members at the T11 regular meeting 19 August 2021. With no members losing voting privileges, and no members gaining voting privileges the voting membership of T11 remains at 17 for this meeting.

Reflecting the above changes, the voting membership of T11 for this meeting is recorded in annex A.1.2.

Reflecting the above changes, the advisory (i.e., nonvoting) membership of T11 for this meeting is recorded in annex A.1.3.

3.8 Call for members of the press and journalists

The chair requested members of the press and journalists to introduce themselves. No person attending the meeting made such an introduction.
3.9 Call for Quorum

The total membership for this meeting is 17. One third of the total membership for this meeting is 6. The number of member organizations that responded to the call for quorum was 15. This exceeds or equals one third of the total membership for this meeting and also exceeds or equals 6. A quorum is therefore present for this meeting.

It should be noted that of the 15 member companies present at this plenary meeting, 8 were in attendance in-person during this plenary meeting and 10 had representatives present during the week at the ad-hoc meetings.

3.10 Call for Guests

The chair requested those associated with organizations that are not members of T11 to introduce themselves. No one responded.

4 Document Distribution


5 Approval of Minutes - Meeting #166

The prior regular meeting of the INCITS Fibre Channel (T11) Technical Committee was #166 on 19 August 2021. The draft Minutes of that meeting were posted as document T11/2021-00225-v000.

T11 minutes are reviewed as posted on the T11 web site. Corrections may be requested either before the subsequent meeting by email to the T11 secretary (pgd@us.ibm.com) or at the subsequent meeting in person.

Chris Lyon (Amphenol) moved and Jason Rusch (Viavi) seconded to accept T11/2021-00225-v000 as the Minutes of T11 meeting #166 on 19 August 2021. The motion passed by acclamation.

See action item 21-012.

6 Review of Old Action Items
7 Review of T11 Project and Proposal Status

7.1 Project Proposals

7.1.1 FC-NVMe-3 (**T11-2021-00188-v003**)  
Craig Carlson (Marvell) presented a new project proposal FC-NVMe-3. Craig made a motion, seconded by Fred Knight (NetApp) that T11 accept the new project proposal for FC-NVMe-3 as documented in **T11-2021-00188-v003** and forward to INCITS for further processing. Motion carried with votes recorded as follows: In Favor - 15, Opposed – 0, Abstain – 0.

See action item **21-013**.

7.1.2 FC-SP-2/AM2 (**T11-2021-00250-v000**)  
Craig Carlson (Marvell) presented a new project proposal FC-SP-2/AM2. Craig made a motion, seconded by Dave Peterson (Broadcom) that T11 accept the new project proposal for FC-SP-2/AM2 as documented in **T11-2021-00250-v000** and forward to INCITS for further processing. Motion carried with votes recorded as follows: In Favor - 15, Opposed – 0, Abstain – 0.

See action item **21-014**.

7.2 Project Status Review

The T11 Project status sheet was displayed (see **annex B.1**). The current version can be viewed at any time at **http://standards.incits.org**, in the "T11 Projects" folder in the documents section.
The chair reminded all TG chairs to assure the project status sheet is maintained to reflect changes in status of their projects.

8 Results of non-ISO Letter Ballots

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9 Old Business

No old business was reopened.

10 Task Group T11.2 - Physical Interfaces

10.1 Report to T11 Plenary (T11-2021-00302-v000)

Task Group chair Tom Palkert (Macom) gave the report posted as T11-2021-00302-v000 on activity at T11.2.

10.2 Actions

10.2.1 There were no actions

10.3 Other Items

No other items were presented for TG T11.2.

11 Task Group T11.3 - Interconnection Schemes

11.1 Report to T11 Plenary (T11-2021-00301-v000)

Task Group Chair Craig Carlson (Marvell) presented the information posted as T11-2021-00301-v000 on activity at T11.3.

11.2 Actions
11.2.1 There were no actions

11.3 Other Items
No other items were presented for TG T11.3.

12 Joint TG T11.2 / T11.3 Items

12.1 Report to T11 Plenary (T11-2021-00289-v000)
Task Group Chair Dean Wallace (Marvell) presented the information posted as T11-2021-00289-v000 on activity at the Joint T11.2/T11.3 ad hoc meeting.

12.2 Actions

12.2.1 There were no actions.

12.3 Other Items
No other items were presented for Joint T11.2/T11.3.

13 T11 project activities
None for this meeting cycle.

14 Review of International Activity

14.1 INCITS SC 25 / WG4 TAG Status Report (T11-2021-00271-v000)
Dave Peterson (Broadcom) presented the information posted as T11-2021-00271-v000 on INCITS SC 25 / WG4 TAG project status (see annex B.2).

15 T11 New Business
15.1 Liaison Review
INCITS has asked that all TCs and TGs review their liaisons. We must provide information on when those liaisons started. Steve would like to get this list together before the December meeting, so needs some help from those more closely involved with some of the groups. So Steve will be in touch with liaison reps to try to pull this together.

16 Call for Patents

16.1 Patent information registry
The chair indicated that the current record of responses to prior calls for patents can be found in the T11 web site at https://standards.incits.org/apps/group_public/documents.php?view=.

16.2 Call for Patents
There were no answers to the call for patents.

16.2.1 Patent Information Overview
The chair reminded the meeting that among the rules and policies under which T11 operates are the INCITS intellectual property policies. An overview of patent information relevant to T11 may be found in the INCITS patent slides, which are publicly available at https://www.incits.org/upload/pat_slides.pdf.

16.2.2 INCITS/ISO patent disclosure form
A template form for a patent declaration that is satisfactory to both INCITS and ISO can be found in http://www.incits.org/standards-information/legal-info.

No company responded to the call for patents.

17 Liaison Reports

17.1 T11 report (T11-2021-00245-v000), INCITS Liaison report (T11-2021-00256-v001)
Steve Wilson (Broadcom) presented the information posted as T11-2021-00245-v000 on activity at T11 as reported to other organizations, and the information posted as T11-2021-00256-v000 on activity at INCITS other than T11 project status.

17.2 TC T10 (T11-2021-00268-v000)

Fred Knight (NetApp) gave report T11-2021-00268 on activity at T10.

17.3 FCIA (T11-2021-00283-v000)

Mark Jones (Broadcom) gave report T11-2021-00283-v000 on activity at FCIA.

17.4 IEEE 802.3 (T11-2021-00292-v000)

Tom Palkert (Macom) and Mabud Choudhury (OFS) gave report T11-2021-00292-v000 on activity at IEEE 802.3.

17.5 INCITS TC CS1 (None)

17.6 SNIA and SFF (T11-2021-00284-v000) and (T11-2021-00301-v000)

Fred Knight (NetApp) discussed report T11-2021-00284-v000 on SNIA activities and Tom Palkert (Macom) discussed report T11-2021-00301-v000 on SFF activities.

17.7 NVMe (verbal)

Craig Carlson (Marvell) gave a brief verbal report on recent NVMe activities.

18 Administrative Matters

18.1 Officer Appointments

Officers of this Technical Committee and its Task Groups are:

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19 Future Meeting Schedule

19.1 Authorization of adhoc meetings

The chair directed members to the ICMS T11 calendar located at the T11 section of the web site http://standards.incits.org the latest announcements of pending work group interim meetings and teleconferences. He advised that authorization of ad hoc work group meetings is delegated to the appropriate TG, if any.

The vice chair will account for these requests in the schedule for the T11 plenary week hosted by SFF in Coeur d’Alene, ID and by Marvell via Zoom hybrid conference 04-08 October 2021.

19.2 Guidelines for hosting T11 meetings (T11-2017-00151-v000)

For members who are considering hosting future plenary meetings, the chair directed their attention to “Guidelines for hosting T11 Plenary Weeks” T11-2017-00151-v000. This information includes guidelines for hosting a T11 meeting week and room night histories of past meeting weeks. This is required reading for those who are considering hosting because it summarizes the needs of the committee for meeting facilities and gives considerations that may reduce costs for the host.

Groups arranging to meet with T11 were strongly advised to confirm with the host any changes in their needs for meeting space well before the meeting. Failure to do so could easily cause serious inconvenience to the host and/or the group.

19.3 Request for hosts and 2020–2021 meeting schedule

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The chair announced the following schedule for 2021-2022.

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*Locations are pending based on when face-to-face meetings resume

19.4 Approval of Meeting Venues

19.4.1 February 2022 Meeting Venue

Chris Lyon has offered that FCIA will host the February meeting but is still investigating a place for the meeting to be held.

Craig Carlson (Marvell) indicated that we previously had agreed to hold the June 2022 meeting in Duluth, hosted by Marvell but the schedule did not get updated. Chair agreed to update the schedule appropriately.
Tom Palkert has offered that SFF will agree to host a meeting (place TBD), tentatively in October.

See action item 21-015.

19.5 Next meeting information

The chair reminded the membership that the next T11 plenary week, December 06-10, is planned to be a hybrid meeting with the face-to-face meeting in Deerfield Beach, FL hosted by Amphenol and the virtual meeting will be using Marvell Zoom facilities.

19.6 Letter to travel representatives on hotel rates (T11-2017-00150-v000)

The chair reminded the membership that

- T11 plenary meetings are hosted by volunteer organizations;
- A plenary host receives no reimbursement from T11 or INCITS for any expenses of hosting;
- A plenary host may depend on agreements with the meeting hotel in order to reduce the expenses of the host and also possibly, though not necessarily, reduced the room rates for the members; and
- A hotel may charge punitive extra fees to a host if the meeting does not achieve an agreed number of room nights identified with group members.

Therefore, T11 expects those attending meetings during a plenary week to stay at the meeting hotel and identify themselves as members of the T11 group, even though less expensive lodging may be found in the area, or even at the same hotel. Document T11-2017-00150-v000 has been posted which contains a letter to those with budget responsibilities for member organizations justifying this obligation.

19.7 Plenary week meeting map for December 2021 T11 meetings

The vice chair Craig Carlson (Marvell) created and the chair presented the tentative meeting map of the next T11 meeting week. He advised members for the most recent meeting map of the next T11 regular meeting to go to the INCITS website, search the T11 Meeting Information folder under December 2021.
20 Final Attendance Notice / Check

The chair reviewed the electronically registered attendance list, advised that the list was about to close, and reminded those who had not registered that the list would then become the only source of attendance for formal records of this meeting.

Final registered attendance for T11 regular meeting #167 is shown in annex A.2. 27 people from 16 member (15 voting) organizations were in attendance.

21 Review of Action Items

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22 Adjournment

Chris Lyon (Amphenol) moved to adjourn at 2:33 PM PDT. The motion passed by acclamation.
Annex A Membership and Attendance

A.1 Membership for this meeting

A.1.1 Emeritus Members

These people have been granted Emeritus membership in INCITS Fibre Channel (T11) Technical Committee, recognizing their many years of skilled leadership and high quality technical contribution:

Dr. William Ham

Mr. Robert Kembel

Mr. Bob Nixon

Mr. Schelto Van Doorn

A.1.2 Voting Members

The following is the list of organizations that are voting members of record for regular meeting #167 of the INCITS Fibre Channel (T11) Technical Committee, including the recognized representatives of each member organization:

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Projects in Approval Stage
## B.2 INCITS SC 25 / WG4 project status

The following tables indicates the status of all active INCITS SC 25 / WG4 TAG projects. It reflects the official status as reported at the T11 regular meeting #167, 07 October 2021 in document T11-2021-00271-v000. The SC 25/WG 4 TAG project database is available in document [sc25-wg4-2018-00011-TAG-Project-Database](#).

### B.2.1 Active T11 SC25 WG4 TAG Projects

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  1. International (comments) due date: 12/06/2019  
  2. TAG (comments) Deadline: 11/06/2019  
  Stage: PCC – Preparation of CC  
  1/28/20 – No comments requesting changes received, with request for Word source  
  6/03/20 – Received request for Word source again 😕  
  DIS text was submitted to IEC for further processing. FDIS ballot should be issued shortly.  
  12/7/20 – Sent email requesting status  
  12/11/20 – Submitted CDV  
  5/28/21 – Comments received from ISO-IEC Central Office.  
  Had two con calls to discuss 7 remaining open items |