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**Minutes Fibre Channel Protocol
(T11.3) Task Group plenary meeting #142
2021 October 07 – 10:30AM to 11:00AM PDT
Coeur d’Alene, ID + Virtual
Meeting**

1 Opening remarks and introductions

The Chair convened plenary meeting #142 of the Fibre Channel Protocol (T11.3) Task Group on 2021 October 07 at 10:30 PDT. He introduced himself as Craig Carlson (Marvell), and the group thanked SFF for the hotel arrangements and Marvell for the virtual meeting facility. Roger Hathorn (IBM) introduced himself as Vice-Chair and Patty Driever (IBM) introduced herself as secretary. Members present and on Zoom introduced themselves.

2 Approval of the Agenda

An electronic version of the agenda, [T11-2021-00251-v000](#), and supporting documents were made available among the documents for this meeting. The agenda was in HTML format with links to the appropriate supporting documents. The chair presented the agenda and made a call for any new agenda items. No new items were requested.

David Peterson (Broadcom) moved and Roger Hathorn (IBM) seconded that [T11-2021-00251-v000](#) be approved as posted as the agenda for this meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3 Administrative Matters

3.1 T11.3 Admin Is Trivia

The Vice-chair, Roger Hathorn (IBM), stated that T11.3 administrative information is available among the documents for this meeting: Starting with the web page <https://standards.incits.org/apps/org/workgroup/t11.3/> links lead to contact information for T11.3 officers, membership rules, project information, procedures

and operating rules, patent rules, and internet resources. The chair recommended that members familiarize with these rules so the business of the Task Group may be conducted expeditiously. Members were advised to see any of the officers if they require additional assistance.

3.2 Document Distribution

The Vice-Chair instructed those present how to access meeting documents via the INCITS T11 Web Site Center page <https://standards.incits.org/apps/org/workgroup/t11/documents.php>. The chair uploaded a zip file document containing all documents reviewed at this meeting: [T11-2021-00282-v000](#).

3.3 Other matters of grave concern

The Vice-Chair instructed those present how to register using the electronic attendance list for this meeting. He reminded those present that the electronic attendance list would become the only formal record of attendance at this meeting.

4 Code of Conduct

The Vice-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

5 Patents

The Vice-Chair presented an overview of INCITS patent policies and guidelines, as found in INCITS Policies and Guidelines (<http://www.incits.org/standards-information/legal-info>), sub clause 8.4. In accordance with those policies, the chair made a call for patents that related to the standards being developed by this task group. Those companies wishing to file a patent declaration should send it to the chair of TC T11, with copies to Lynn Barra at INCITS (lbarra@itic.org).

6 Antitrust Policies

The Vice-Chair noted that the INCITS Antitrust Guidelines applied to this task group meeting. The chair further noted that it was the responsibility of all attendees, and not just the officers, to ensure that the Guidelines are followed, and to terminate discussions if they are not. 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.

The INCITS Antitrust Guidelines are available on the INCITS web site (<http://www.incits.org/standards-information/legal-info>).

7 Attendance and Membership

7.1 Current membership list

The Vice-Chair encouraged those who attend T11 meetings regularly or intend to attend T11 meetings regularly and are not T11 members to consider joining the organization.

Information on how membership is gained, maintained, and lost in any INCITS Technical Committee or Task Group may be found in INCITS Organization and Procedures (<http://www.incits.org/standards-information/policies>) sub clause 3.8. An overview of these requirements was introduced by the chair and was available to all attendees in 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. Attendance for this meeting is shown in Annex B.

7.2 Roll Call of Members in Jeopardy; Jeopardy Letter (Non-Attendance and Letter Ballots)

No company was in jeopardy for this meeting cycle.

7.3 Announcement of New Members & Membership List Update

7.3.1 Changes in representation since last meeting

Chaohong (Henry) Hu was removed as Alternate for Futurewei Technologies, Inc. All other representation for Futurewei remains the same.

Dr. Fang Cai was added as an Alternate for Credo Semiconductor. All other representation for Credo remains the same.

7.3.2 New voting memberships

No new voting memberships were granted at this meeting.

7.3.3 Voting memberships changed for other reasons

No changes to voting memberships were made at this meeting.

7.3.4 Changes in advisory membership

No changes to advisory memberships were made at this meeting.

7.3.5 Changes in emeritus membership

None

7.4 Call for Quorum

7.4.1 Membership for this meeting and call for quorum

Task Group T11.3 had 10 voting members at the previous T11.3 plenary meeting (August 19, 2021). At this meeting, October 07, 2021:

- 0 new voting member organizations (see 7.3.2);
- 0 reinstated voting member organization (see 7.3.3)
- 0 voting member organizations losing voting membership for not attending the required number of meetings (see 7.2); and
- 0 voting member organizations losing voting membership for other reasons, the voting membership of T11.3 remains at 10 members.

7.4.2 Quorum Call

10 voting members responded to the call for quorum. A quorum of one third of the voting membership for this meeting requires at least 4 voting members present. The number 10 exceeds or equals one third of the voting membership for this meeting and also exceeds or equals 4. A quorum is therefore present for this meeting.

8 Approval of Minutes - Meetings #141

The prior plenary meeting of the Fibre Channel Protocol (T11.3) Task Group was #141 on 2021 August 19. The draft minutes of that meeting were posted as document [T11-2021-00236-v000](#). Patty noted that there was an omission of recognizing Broadcom as the meeting host which will be corrected in the posting of the minutes once approved.

You may review the T11.3 minutes by reviewing the version that is posted on the web site and requesting corrections either before the subsequent meeting using the Internet mail reflector (fc_protocol@standards.incits.org) or at the subsequent meeting in person. Non-editorial and/or substantial requests for corrections will be noted in detail at the next plenary meeting prior to the plenary body voting on the minutes. Until approved by the plenary body, these minutes are unofficial

draft minutes only.

Dave Peterson (Broadcom) moved and Chris Lyon (Amphenol) seconded to accept at this meeting [T11-2021-00236-v000](#) as amended as the minutes of T11.3 meeting #141 on 2021 August 19. The motion passed unanimously.

See Action Item [21-010](#).

9 Review of Old Action Items

ACTION 21-008	T11.3 secretary to post T11-2021-00156-v001 as the approved minutes of T11.3 meeting #140.
ACTION 21-009	T11.3 secretary to post T11-2021-00236-v000 as the draft minutes of T11.3 meeting #141.

All of the above action items were completed.

10 Liaison Reports

10.1 *TC T11 and INCITS*

T11 chair Steve Wilson (Brocade) has posted the T11 TC report to other committees (posted as [T11-2021-00245-v000](#) along with the INCITS Report to T11 posted as [T11-2021-00256-v001](#). Since these will be reviewed in the T11 plenary we did not review them during this meeting but they are available online for review.

10.2 *Other liaison reports*

No other liaison reports were presented.

11 Project Status

10.1 *FC-FS-6*

Dave Peterson (Broadcom) presented the information posted as [T11-2021-00286-v000](#) about FC-FS-6 ad hoc activity since the last plenary meeting of this Task Group.

10.2 *FC-GS-9*

Dave Peterson (Broadcom) presented the information posted as [T11-2021-00285-v000](#) about FC-GS-9 ad hoc activity since the last plenary meeting of this Task Group.

10.3 FC-LS-5

Patty Driever (IBM) presented the information posted as [T11-2021-00272-v000](#) about FC-LS-5 ad hoc activity since the last plenary meeting of this Task Group.

10.4 FC-PM

David Peterson (Broadcom) presented the information posted as [T11-2021-00295-v000](#) about FC-GS-9 ad hoc activity since the last plenary meeting of this Task Group.

10.5 FC-SW-8

Craig Carlson (Marvell) presented the information posted as [T11-2021-00296-v000](#) about FC-SW-8 ad hoc activity since the last plenary meeting of this Task Group.

10.6 FCP-5

Dave Peterson (Broadcom) presented the information posted as [T11-2021-00259-v000](#) about FCP-5 ad hoc activity since the last plenary meeting of this Task Group.

10.7 Joint T11.2/T11.3

Craig Carlson (Marvell) pointed to the information posted as [T11-2021-00289-v000](#) about Joint T11.2/T11.3 ad hoc activity since the last plenary meeting of this Task Group. This will be presented in the T11 plenary.

12 Other Business and Technical Items.

12.1 FC-NVMe-3 Project Proposal (T11-2021-00188-v003)

Craig Carlson (Marvell) presented a new project proposal FC-NVMe-3. Dave Peterson (Broadcom) made a motion, seconded by Roger Hathorn (IBM) that T11.3 accept the new project proposal for FC-NVMe-3 as documented in [T11-2021-00188-v003](#) and forward to T11 for further processing. Motion carried with votes recorded as follows: In Favor - 10, Opposed - 0, Abstain - 0.

See Action Item [21-012](#).

12.2 FC-SP-2 AM2 Project Proposal (T11-2021-00250-v002)

Craig Carlson (Marvell) presented a new project proposal FC-SP-2/AM2. Craig made a motion, seconded by Dave Peterson (Broadcom) that T11.3 accept the new project proposal for FC-SP-2/AM2 as documented in [T11-2021-00250-v000](#) and forward to T11 for further processing. Motion carried with votes recorded as follows: In Favor - 10, Opposed - 0, Abstain - 0.

See Action Item [21-013](#).

13 Review T11.3 Project Status

The current project status is available among the electronically distributed meeting documents as well as on the INCITS web site

([https://standards.incits.org/apps/org/workgroup/portal/projects.php?end_in_year= never &page=1](https://standards.incits.org/apps/org/workgroup/portal/projects.php?end_in_year=never&page=1)).

The chair asked that if the facilitators or anyone else finds errors that they inform him.

14 Future Meeting Schedule

14.1 *Plan for the next meeting week*

The next meeting cycle will be a hybrid of both face-to-face in Deerfield Beach, FL and virtual via Zoom the week of **December 06-10**. More discussion on this will occur at the T11 plenary meeting. **Amphenol** will host the face-to-face portion and **Marvell** will continue to provide the Zoom virtual meeting capability.

Refer to the INCITS T11 meeting web site page

(https://standards.incits.org/apps/org/workgroup/t11/documents.php?folder_id=2213) for the meeting announcement, which will always contain the latest information on future T11.3 plenary meetings.

PLEASE NOTE: If there is any conflict between the website schedule database, and the single ASCII sheet, the database is to be considered correct.

14.2 *Ad-hoc meetings*

Refer to the INCITS T11 meeting web site page for further details.

(https://standards.incits.org/apps/org/workgroup/t11/documents.php?folder_id=2202). This URL will always contain the latest announcements of pending work group interim meetings and teleconferences.

15 Action Items

ACTION 21-010	T11.3 secretary to post T11-2021-00236-v001 as the approved minutes of T11.3 meeting #141. See Clause 7 .
ACTION 21-011	T11.3 secretary to post T11-2021-00277-v000 as the draft minutes of T11.3 meeting #142.
ACTION 21-012	T11.3 Chair to forward new project proposal for FC-NVMe-3 as documented in T11/2021-00188-v003 to T11 for further processing.
ACTION 21-013	T11.3 Chair to forward new project proposal for FC-SP-2/AM2 as documented in T11/2021-00250-v000 to T11 for further processing.

Dell	Erik Smith Jai Bansai David Black David Brown Gaurav Chawla Vinay Sawal Joseph White	Principal Alternate Alternate Alternate Alternate Alternate Alternate
Hewlett Packard Enterprise	Barry Maskas Rupin Mohan Krishna Babu Puttagunta	Principal Alternate Alternate
IBM Corporation	Roger Hathorn Patty Driever Stephen Guendert	Principal Alternate Alternate
Marvell Semiconductor Inc	Craig W. Carlson Andrew Joy Raul Oteyza Alan Spalding Dean Wallace	Principal Alternate Alternate Alternate Alternate
NetApp Inc	Frederick Knight John Meneghini	Principal Alternate
Teledyne LeCroy Corporation	David Rodgers Amit Bakshi Rakesh Kathiresan Natarajan Douglas Lee Henry Poelstra Srikant Tadigadapa	Principal Alternate Alternate Alternate Alternate Alternate
Viavi Solutions Inc.	Jason Rusch Scott Baxter George Bullis Paul Gentieu	Principal Alternate Alternate Alternate

Reflecting the changes at this meeting, the advisory (i.e., nonvoting) membership of T11.3 for this meeting is:

Organization	Name	Principal/ Alternate
Credo Semiconductor	Phil Sun Dr. Fang Cai Yasuo Hidaka	Principal Alternate Alternate
Futurewei	Victor Cao	Principal

Technologies Inc	Timothy Jeffries	Alternate
MediaTek USA Inc	Tamer Ali Mau-Lin Wu	Principal Alternate
TE Connectivity	Matt Schumacher	Principal
Unisys Corporation	Jeffrey Dremann Phil Shelton	Principal Alternate
VMware Inc	Neil MacLean Wenchao Cui Wenhua Liu Murali Rajagopal Ahmad Tawil	Principal Alternate Alternate Alternate Alternate

Reflecting the changes at this meeting, 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. Gary Stephens
Mr. Robert Kembel
Mr. Joseph Mathis
Mr. Horst Truestedt

B Attendance

The following table lists those persons who electronically recorded their attendance at this plenary meeting. This includes representatives from voting member companies and may include representatives from non-voting advisory companies, as well as non-voting emeritus members and visitors.

Sequence	Affiliation	Name	In Person
1	AMPHENOL CORP	Paul Coddington	N
2	AMPHENOL CORP	Michael Klempa	N
3	AMPHENOL CORP	Chris Lyon	Y

4	BROADCOM INC	Howard Johnson	Y
5	BROADCOM INC	David Peterson	Y
6	BROADCOM INC	Steven L. Wilson	Y
7	CISCO SYSTEMS INC	Mike Blair	Y
8	CISCO SYSTEMS INC	Ramesh Sivakolundu	Y
9	DELL INC	Jai Bansal	N
10	DELL INC	Erik Smith	N
11	HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE	Barry Maskas	N
12	IBM CORPORATION	Patty Driever	N
13	IBM CORPORATION	Roger Hathorn	Y
14	MARVELL SEMICONDUCTOR INC	Craig Carlson	Y
15	NETAPP INC	Frederick Knight	Y
16	TELEDYNE LECROY CORP	Henry Poelstra	N
17	VIAVI SOLUTIONS INC	Jason Rusch	N

This table also records the affiliations claimed by those who registered their attendance. The presence of a company or organization in the affiliation column does not imply that it is a member of T11.3, nor does it imply that the person in attendance is a representative of that company or organization.

See "Section A: Membership" above for a complete list of voting members of T11.3 as well as a list of non-voting advisory companies and emeritus members.

C Attendance at Ad Hoc Meetings

C.1 FC-NVMe-2

This working group was not active during this meeting cycle.

Organization	Representative	Member Company
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C.2 FC-LS-5

Organization	Representative	Member Company
Broadcom Inc	Howard Johnson	Y
Broadcom Inc	David Peterson	Y
Broadcom Inc	James Smart	Y
Broadcom Inc	Anil Veerabhadrappe	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Harsha Bharadwaj	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Mike Blair	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Edward Mazurek	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Ramesh Sivakolundu	Y
Hewlett Packard Enterprise	Barry Maskas	Y
IBM Corporation	Patty Driever	Y
IBM Corporation	Roger Hathorn	Y
Marvell Semiconductor Inc	Craig Carlson	Y
NetApp Inc	Frederick Knight	Y
Viavi Solutions Inc	Jason Rusch	Y

C.3 FC-FS-6

Organization	Representative	Member Company
Broadcom Inc	David Peterson	Y
Broadcom Inc	James Smart	Y
Broadcom Inc	Anil Veerabhadrappe	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Mike Blair	Y

Cisco Systems Inc	Ed Mazurek	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Ramesh Sivakolundu	Y
Dell Inc.	David Brown	Y
IBM Corporation	Patty Driever	Y
IBM Corporation	Roger Hathorn	Y
Marvell Semiconductor Inc	Craig W. Carlson	Y
NetApp Inc	Frederick Knight	Y
Viavi Solutions Inc	Jason Rusch	Y

C.4 FC-SW-8

Organization	Representative	Member Company
Broadcom Inc	David Peterson	Y
Broadcom Inc	James Smart	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Mike Blair	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Edward Mazurek	Y
IBM Corporation	Patty Driever	Y
IBM Corporation	Roger Hathorn	Y
Marvell Semiconductor	Craig Carlson	Y
NetApp Inc	Frederick Knight	Y

C.5 FC-PM

Organization	Representative	Member Company
Broadcom Inc	David Peterson	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Harsha Bharadwaj	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Mike Blair	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Edward Mazurek	Y
Dell Inc	David Brown	Y
IBM Corporation	Patty Driever	Y
IBM Corporation	Roger Hathorn	Y
Keysight Technologies	Stephen Didde	Y
Marvell Semiconductor Inc	Craig Carlson	Y
NetApp Inc	Frederick Knight	Y

C.6 FC-GS-9

Organization	Representative	Member Company
Broadcom Inc	Howard Johnson	Y

Broadcom Inc	David Peterson	Y
Broadcom Inc	James Smart	Y
Broadcom Inc	Anil Veerabhadrapa	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Harsha Bharadwaj	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Mike Blair	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Edward Mazurek	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Ramesh Sivakolundu	Y
Hewlett Packard Enterprise	Barry Maskas	Y
IBM Corporation	Patty Driever	Y
IBM Corporation	Roger Hathorn	Y
NetApp Inc	Frederick Knight	Y
Viavi Solutions Inc	Jason Rusch	Y

C.7 Joint T11.2/T11.3

Organization	Representative	Member Company
Amphenol Inc	Paul Coddington	Y
Amphenol Inc	Michael Klempa	Y
Amphenol Inc	Chris Lyon	Y
Broadcom Inc	Anil Mehta	Y
Broadcom Inc	David Peterson	Y
Broadcom Inc	Steven Wilson	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Mike Blair	y
Cisco Systems Inc	Edward Mazurek	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Rakesh Sivakolundu	Y
Cisco Systems Inc	Xiaohong Wu	Y
CommScope	Gary Gibbs	Y
Dell Inc	David Brown	Y
Hewlett Packard Enterprise	Barry Maskas	Y
IBM Corporation	Patty Driever	Y
IBM Corporation	Roger Hathorn	Y
II-VI Inc	Vera Koleva	Y
II-VI Inc	Lance Thompson	Y
Keysight Technologies Inc	Stephen Didde	Y
OFS Fitel LLC	Mabud Choudhury	Y
Teledyne LeCroy Corp	Henry Poelstra	Y
Teledyne LeCroy Corp	David Rodgers	Y