

SIP-12 Defer Special Council and Guiding Contributor Elections

A diff of the affected items in the Governance Framework, in PDF format, can be found here:

<https://slingshot.mypinata.cloud/ipfs/Qme2rm9MK3bhrn5CW1wtFeeSF8Q85bg3WoxdPmvSt17FZP>

Summary

As the web3 industry is heating up and we near the completion of SIP-11 (*the treasury diversification and incoming liquidity*), we believe that in the near term, it is a critical time for the DAO to come together and focus on improvements and community growth.

With many people's attention returning to web3, there's great opportunity for the DAO in the near future.

However, we have imminent election requirements for the Special Council and Guiding Contributors.

The need for elections causes uncertainty for many contributors in the DAO, who will be wondering what the outcome of the elections will be and how it may affect them, at a time that the DAO needs to be coming together with a sense of urgency, assurance and clarity.

Therefore, I propose to defer Special Council and Guiding Contributor elections to 2026 and allow all contributors to the DAO to focus on pursuing the DAO's mission and community growth with security and clarity.

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Proposal Type

Governance proposal.

Community Incentive & Rationale

With SIP-11 coming to a close the DAO is targeting to receive up to \$6,000,000 of liquid assets in the near future. Along with this, the web3 industry has grown quickly in the last 12 months, with the attention of many individuals returning to the space.

I believe that the near future for the DAO holds great opportunities for community growth and for everyone who participates in the DAO ecosystem.

However, we also have the governance requirements to run Special Council and Guiding Contributor elections in early 2024. These elections causes uncertainty for many contributors in the DAO, who will be wondering what the outcome of the elections will affect them.

This uncertainty is counterproductive at a time that the DAO stands to benefit greatly from the unified efforts of its contributors.

With this in mind, I propose to defer Special Council elections to May 2026 at the latest, with the option to be held before an opportunity arises. I propose to defer Guiding Contributor elections to a later time at the discretion of the Special Council.

Risks

Risks if this proposal is not passed:

1. The DAO spends time and resources on running its first elections instead of pursuing its mission.
2. The DAO misses out on opportunities in the rapidly growing web3 industry as its efforts are focused elsewhere.
3. Contributors leave the DAO as a result of uncertainty, lowering productivity across the DAO.

Risks if this proposal passes:

1. Risks are limited as any incumbent Special Council Member or Guiding Contributor can still be impeached, as per the DAO Framework.

Key Terms

Special Council

Members of the Special Council are elected to protect the democracy, the integrity and the safety of the DAO. The Special Council advises on proposals, reviews changes to governance, supports the SlingShot Foundation and helps with dispute resolution when needed.

Guiding Contributors

Guiding Contributors each organize and coordinate the efforts of a Working Group. To give the DAO the best advice, GCs have closely matched past experience and skills to their Working Group.

Contributors

Community members who collaborate and help the DAO.

SIP-11

A proposal for treasury diversification, passed at general vote on the 3rd of March 2024.

Specifications

Proposed Change 1

Action:

Amend existing item

Summary:

Change Governance framework items to defer SC & GC elections to May of 2026.

Framework item number:

[4.2] Term Length

Parent item number:

[4] Guiding Contributors

Current legislation:

“Guiding Contributors serve terms of up to a maximum of 14 months in a given seat before the seat must be re-elected.”

Any handover period is not included in the maximum term length.

If 14 months is surpassed without an election then the incumbent Guiding Contributor must stand down.”

Proposed legislation:

“Following the first elections, Guiding Contributors serve terms of up to a maximum of 14 months in a given seat before re-elected:

- 1. Any handover period is not included in the maximum term length.*
- 2. If 14 months surpasses without an election then the incumbent Guiding Contributor must stand down.”*

Proposed Change 2

Action:

Amend existing item

Summary:

Change Governance framework items to defer SC & GC elections to May of 2026.

Framework item number:

[4.4] Guiding Contributor Elections

Parent item number:

[4] Guiding Contributors

Current legislation:

“An individual can only become a Guiding Contributor as a direct result of a Guiding Contributor election for that seat.

All seats must undergo at least one Guiding Contributor election every 14 months, regardless of any interim elections.”

Proposed legislation:

“From the first elections onwards:

- 1. An individual can only become a Guiding Contributor as a direct result of a Guiding Contributor election for that s*
- 2. All seats must undergo at least one Guiding Contributor election every 14 months, regardless of any interim elec*

Proposed Change 3

Action:

Amend existing item

Summary:

Change Governance framework items to defer SC & GC elections to May of 2026.

Framework item number:

[4.4.3.1] First & Second Election

Parent item number:

[4.4.3] Election Timings

Current legislation:

“The first election should be run as and when needed.

Within this first election the schedule for the second election run should also be defined.

The second election must occur within 12 months following the first election. This countdown begins at the moment of the Contributor to be voted in.

Any remaining unfilled or newly defined seats must continue to run elections as soon as reasonably possible until all the

Proposed legislation:

“The first election should be run as and when needed, as advised by the Special Council.

Within this first election the schedule for the second election run should also be defined.

The second election must occur within 12 months following the first election. This countdown begins at the moment of the Contributor to be voted in.

Any remaining unfilled or newly defined seats must continue to run elections as soon as reasonably possible until all the

Proposed Change 4

Action:

Amend existing item

Summary:

Change Governance framework items to defer SC & GC elections to May of 2026.

Framework item number:

[12.1] Term length

Parent item number:

[12] Special Council

Current legislation:

“Special Council members serve terms of up to a maximum of 14 months in a given seat before the seat must be re-elected.”

Any handover period is not included in the maximum term length.

If 14 months is surpassed without an election then the incumbent Special Council Member must stand down.”

Proposed legislation:

“From the first election onwards:

- 1. Special Council members serve terms of up to a maximum of 14 months in a given seat before the seat must be re-elected.*
- 2. Any handover period is not included in the maximum term length.*
- 3. If 14 months is surpassed without an election then the incumbent Special Council Member must stand down.*

Proposed Change 5

Action:

Amend existing item

Summary:

Change Governance framework items to defer SC & GC elections to May of 2026.

Framework item number:

[12.4] Special Council Elections

Parent item number:

[12] Special Council

Current legislation:

“An individual can only become a Special Council member as a direct result of a Special Council election for a seat.

All seats must undergo at least one Special Council election every 14 months, regardless of any interim appointments.”

Proposed legislation:

“The first elections for the Special Council should occur no later than the end of May 2026.

From the first elections onwards:

- 1. An individual can only become a Special Council member as a direct result of a Special Council election for a seat.*
- 2. All seats must undergo at least one Special Council election every 14 months, regardless of any interim appointments.”*

Proposed Change 6

Action:

Amend existing item

Summary:

Change Governance framework items to defer SC & GC elections to May of 2026.

Framework item number:

[12.4.3] Election Timing Requirements

Parent item number:

[12.4] Special Council Elections

Current legislation:

“Elections for all seats should begin at the start of each calendar year.

The exact timeline for elections is at the discretion of the Working Group currently focused on Governance.

However the elections for all seats must begin before the end of March each calendar year.”

Proposed legislation:

“Following the first election, consequent elections for all seats should begin at the start of each calendar year:

- 1. The exact timeline for elections is at the discretion of the Working Group currently focused on Governance.*
- 2. The elections for all seats must begin before the end of March each calendar year.”*