

# Tarah Wheeler

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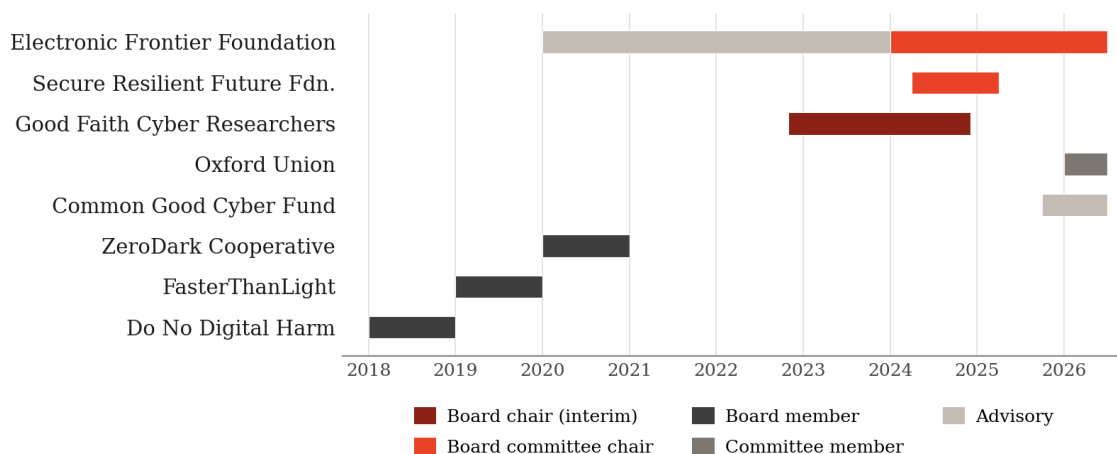


Tarah Wheeler is a cybersecurity founder and chief executive, a sitting Chief Security Officer, and a board director whose governance work centers on audit, controls, and risk oversight. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, where she chairs the Audit Committee, sits on the Governance Committee, and served on the Executive Director Search Committee that ran from 2025 into 2026. At EFF she also helped the board navigate the unionization of its staff and the collective-bargaining costs and implementation that came with it, labor-governance experience that few technology directors bring to a board table. She was a founding board member of the Secure Resilient Future Foundation, where she chaired the combined Audit and Governance Committee, and she served on the board of the Paris-based Good Faith Cyber Researchers Coalition, where she concluded her term as Interim Chair. She is also a member of the Audit Committee of the Oxford Union. Her earlier board service includes FasterThanLight (served through to its sale), ZeroDark Cooperative (through the open-sourcing of its work), and the Do No Digital Harm Initiative. Across these roles she has led controls and financial oversight, board governance practice, and executive succession for institutions with significant public profiles.

She has sat in the chief executive's seat. As founder and CEO of Red Queen Technologies and Chief Security Officer at TPO Group, she gives boards a peer's read on the pressures their own executives carry, which makes her a credible sounding board to a sitting CEO rather than only an overseer of one. She is a 5x founder. She previously held senior leadership roles at Splunk and Symantec and has presented to boards and audit committees, owned critical controls, maintained enterprise risk registers, and led teams through PCI, FedRAMP, and ISO compliance audits. That operating depth places her at the center of the fastest-growing audit and risk committee mandate, cyber and technology risk oversight, where most boards have no director who can read the risk rather than simply receive the briefing.

Wheeler helped shape international vulnerability-disclosure policy through her OECD working-group and Good Faith Cyber Researchers Coalition work, testified before the US Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on the Cyber Safety Review Board, and has published widely on cyber risk and governance in Foreign Policy, Brookings, and Harvard's Belfer Center. She is a Fulbright Scholar, a Life Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a member of the Strategic Advisory Committee of the Common Good Cyber Fund.

## Governance and Board Service (2018 to present)



The bright red marks board committee-chair roles; the deep red marks the interim board chair.