



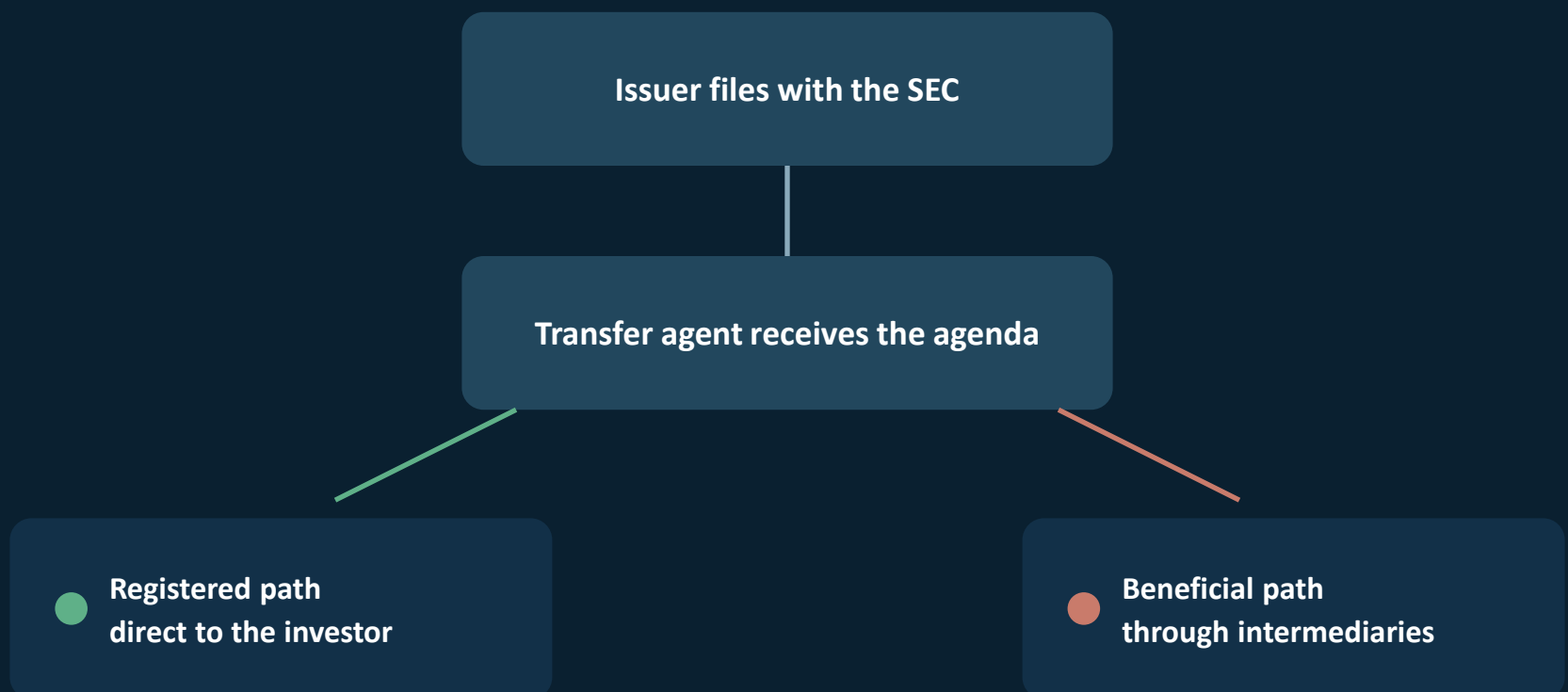
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Where strategy meets connectivity

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One agenda, two shareholder pipelines

Every proxy filing splits into two very different journeys the moment ownership type is known. See how registered shareholders and beneficial owners experience the same vote.



The pipeline at a glance

● Eliminated ● Minimal ● Reduced ● Transformed ● Expanded

These labels describe how operating roles change, not whether participants disappear.

● Issuer or corporate secretary	TRANSFORMED
● Transfer agent	TRANSFORMED
● DTC, nominee Cede & Co.	REDUCED
● Broker-dealer	REDUCED
● Sub-custodian or global custodian	REDUCED
● Proxy service or solicitation firm	REDUCED
● Notice or print vendor	MINIMAL
● Manual re-keying step	ELIMINATED
● Canonical notice layer	EXPANDED
● Token or entitlement management	EXPANDED
● AI and exception oversight	EXPANDED
● Proxy advisory firms	TRANSFORMED

The ownership record determines the path

● REGISTERED / DRS

LEGAL TITLE

Held directly by the investor

ISSUER VISIBILITY

Issuer sees the investor by name

COMMUNICATION ROUTE

Direct from the transfer agent

VOTE ROUTE

Straight to the transfer agent

● BENEFICIAL / STREET NAME

LEGAL TITLE

Held by a nominee

ISSUER VISIBILITY

Depends on beneficial owner disclosure status and intermediary data sharing

COMMUNICATION ROUTE

Through several intermediaries

VOTE ROUTE

Combined into one broker instruction

A short, direct line

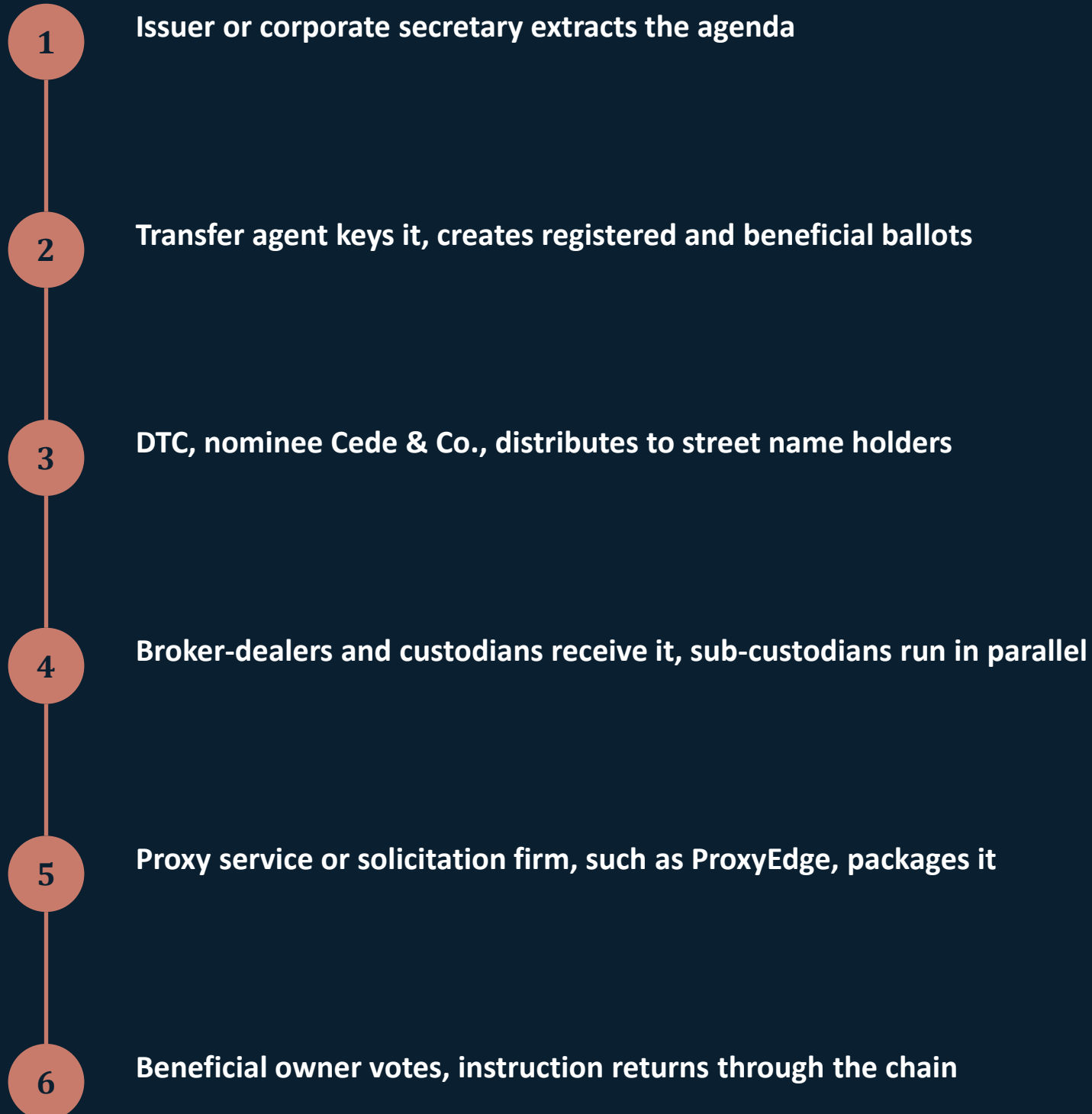
No intermediaries sit between the issuer and the investor on this path.



A longer chain of handoffs

Each additional link adds a handoff, and a chance for information to be re-entered.

Cross-border custody chains can add parallel handoffs.



Where the current model creates friction

1

Manual extraction

Agenda data is re-keyed by hand from the filing

2

Multiple handoffs

Each intermediary adds a step and a delay

3

Repeated re-keying

The same information is entered more than once

4

Limited investor visibility

Issuers often cannot see who actually holds shares

5

Vote reconciliation complexity

Instructions must be matched back to entitlements

6

Version proliferation

Multiple notice and ballot formats emerge across the chain

Current state versus future state

	CURRENT	FUTURE
Source document	Document-based filing	Structured, interoperable event
Extraction	Manual, by the transfer agent	AI-assisted extraction and validation
Notice handling	Multiple re-keying steps across the chain	One canonical notice consumed by all
Data architecture	Proprietary silos	Shared, auditable data layer
Reconciliation	Manual position matching	Tokens validated against entitlements
Vote tabulation	Manual aggregation	Near-real-time aggregation, controlled tabulation
Data risk	Mis-keyed names, dates or actions	Meaningfully reduced risk
Issuer visibility	Limited	Transparent, subject to privacy rules
Tax and unclaimed property	Reconstructed after the fact, holders go missing	Tracked from transfer history, fewer lost-contact cases

The canonical notice architecture

1

SEC filing data becomes structured

authorized participants consume it through APIs and, where appropriate, distributed ledger infrastructure

2

Canonical notice layer becomes the source of truth

one record, accessible by API or on-chain

3

AI extracts and validates entitlement records

created and validated against ownership and record-date data

4

Transfer agent, brokers and custodians consume it in parallel

ISIN and CUSIP remain reference identifiers, ISO 20022 and related standards could inform cross-border interoperability

5

One shared interface, voting, communications, reporting

registered shareholders and beneficial owners, and regulators, see the same record

Future-state descriptions reflect early-stage systems, subject to regulatory approval.

Where tokenization fits

1

Digital entitlement representation

2

Smart contract rules

3

Investor authentication

4

Transfer agent recordkeeping

5

Regulated intermediaries

6

Audit trail

7

Potential cross-border interoperability using ISO 20022 and other messaging standards

Tokenization adds a verification layer. Transfer agents, brokers and custodians keep their roles in this model.

Not every platform shares the same blockchain, which can complicate this interoperability.

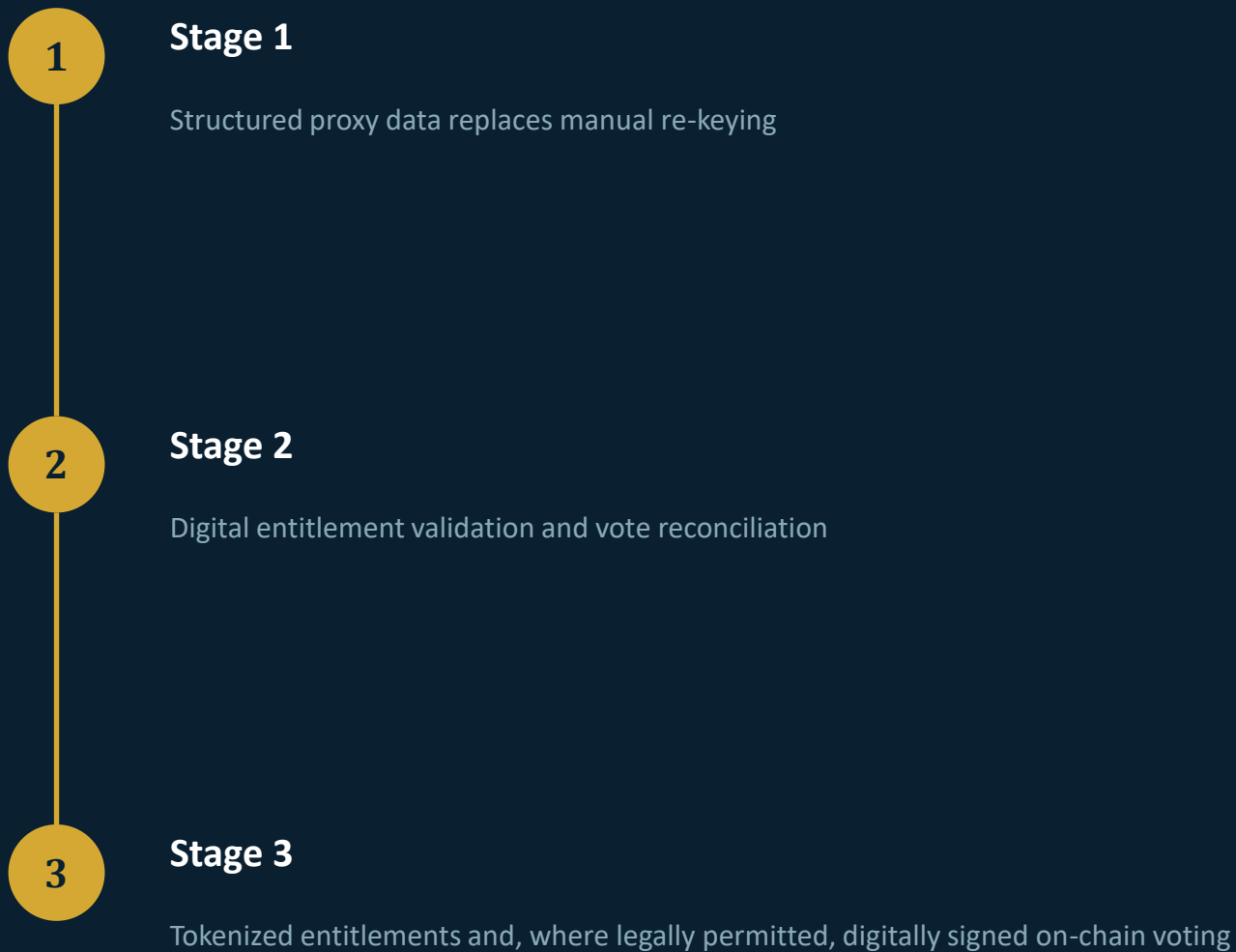
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What changes for each participant

Transfer agent	TRANSFORMED
Traditional, keys the agenda by hand. New, oversees entitlement accuracy and exceptions.	
Notice or print vendor	MINIMAL
Traditional, produces and mails notices. New, limited to the paper-ballot minority.	
Manual re-keying step	ELIMINATED
The step disappears rather than changes.	
Broker or intermediary	REDUCED
Traditional, re-enters and forwards the notice, absorbing the cost. New, consumes the record directly, still essential for servicing and compliance. Commercial models may evolve as manual steps are removed.	
Token or entitlement management	EXPANDED
A new role, owned by whichever participant holds custody today.	
AI and exception oversight	EXPANDED
New. Human reviewers validate extraction, resolve mismatches, audit the model, and reskill toward blockchain contract review and smart contract audit.	
Legal shareholder record	TRANSFORMED
Still the authoritative ledger, now referenced by the canonical layer rather than re-copied by it.	
Proxy advisory firms	TRANSFORMED
Consume standardized agenda data, continue independent research and voting recommendations.	

A hybrid transition roadmap

A practical transition, modernize data first, tokenize only where value and regulation support it.



Paper and assisted voting channels stay available across every stage.

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Regulatory and operating considerations

Proxy rule alignment

Legal shareholder record

Custody and nominee structures

Privacy, identity and authentication

Accessibility

Paper voting

Cybersecurity

Operational resilience and auditability

New roles across token management and AI oversight

Proxy filing obligations remain unchanged

Record date mechanics for continuous ownership

Wallet custody risk, private key loss or compromise

These constraints will determine whether, where and how quickly change is adopted.



The transfer agent doesn't disappear under tokenization, it moves up a layer

- Ownership structure drives today's process complexity
- Better data and entitlement validation can improve the workflow before full tokenization
- The practical future is likely hybrid, interoperable and progressively automated
- The same ownership record that fixes voting also fixes dividends, corporate actions and tax reporting, a security-level fix, not just a proxy-specific one

Future-state descriptions reflect early-stage systems, subject to regulatory approval. The reach beyond voting is this piece's own extrapolation, not a confirmed scope.

- Standardize the proxy agenda
- Validate entitlements digitally
- Preserve hybrid participation channels

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