



**The Chair of the Fortinet, Inc. (FTNT) Governance Committee, Ming Hsieh deserves to be rejected**

Mr. Ming Hsieh is ultimately responsible for FTNT shareholders not having the ability to vote on a proposal for an independent Chairman of the Board.

FTNT could be named to a 2026 Hall of Shame list of companies taking blatant advantage of a new Securities and Exchange Commission policy. FTNT took advantage of the new Securities and Exchange Commission policy of giving free ride letters in as fast as 2-days to any company that submits a one-sentence excuse for not including a well-established shareholder proposal topic in its 2026 annual meeting proxy.

Such a one-sentence excuse would apply even if the excuse would likely be rejected had the SEC not largely abandoned its decades long oversight of company attempts to exclude shareholder proposals. The SEC November 17, 2025 abandonment was done without even abiding by a rule making procedure.

FTNT made the dubious claim that a mere policy for an independent board chairman would purportedly violate state law because the FTNT board would purportedly never be able to reverse such a policy once adopted.

This would be like a dubious company claim that if a Board adopted a policy for director retirement at age 72 that the Board would purportedly never be able to change such a policy to age 73.

The exclusion of the 2026 proposal is patricianly unsettling since FTNT shareholders gave 41% support to the 2025 proposal on the same topic when it was not so easy to exclude a shareholder proposal from a shareholder vote. The 41% showing was particularly significant because of the large number of FTNT shares that are automatically vote against shareholder proposals.

Mr. Hsieh was asked to reconsider the FTNT free ride letter in a March 10, 2026 letter. Mr. Hsieh lacked the decorum to reply.

Shareholders should also vote against Mr. Ken Xie because Mr. Hsieh is apparently trying to protect Mr. Xie, the current FTNT Chairman and CEO, from a shareholder vote that could be a value judgment on his holding both the Chairman and CEO jobs.

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Notice of Exempt Solicitation

Name of Registrant: Fortinet, Inc. (FTNT)

Title: Directors Ming Hsieh and Ken Xie deserve to be rejected

Meeting Date: June 12, 2026

Name of person relying on exemption: John Chevedden, FTNT Shareholder since 2018

Address of persons relying on exemption: POB 2673, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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The shareholder asks all shareholders to vote by following the procedural instructions provided in the proxy materials.