

GOOGLE MEET NOTES MAY PRESERVE PRESENTED CONTENT WITHOUT MEETING RECORDING

OPERATIONAL SIGNAL

DOMAIN: DATA — Data Handling | CONFIDENCE LEVEL: Medium

INSTITUTIONAL DIMENSIONS: Authority | Attribution | Visibility | Escalation | Continuity

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CAPABILITY SHIFT

Google Meet will add screenshots of presented slides, diagrams and charts to documents created by Take notes for me. Admin settings are available now, before the Q3 2026 rollout. Administrators can allow screenshots whenever note-taking is active or only when meeting recording is enabled. The default admin setting allows screenshots. Presenters will receive an on-screen notice and can disable capture from the notes panel.

ORGANISATIONAL CONSEQUENCE

Presented material may become part of a persistent notes document even when full recording is off. Draft or confidential content could be stored in Drive and shared according to notes-recipient settings. Organisations using recording status as a proxy for whether content is retained may need to revise that assumption.

WHAT TO WATCH

- Screenshots in notes from unrecorded meetings
- Sensitive material appearing in shared notes
- Presenters disabling capture after notes begin
- Visual content subject to different retention requirements

WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

Admin settings are available before the Q3 2026 rollout. Organisations can decide now whether screenshots are allowed whenever note-taking is active or only when recording is enabled.

WHAT TO REVIEW

- Which setting applies across the organisation
- Whether screenshots should be allowed without recording
- Who can disable capture during meetings
- Who receives notes containing images
- Whether retention rules cover visual content

GOVERNANCE CONTEXT

Meeting recording and visual capture are becoming separate control paths. Presented content may be preserved even when full recording is off. Organisations should decide whether the same approval, access and retention expectations apply to both.

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