

“Major” New Standard Release Process

Content Complete /
Some Validation of Correctness
Vote to move to Candidate Rec.

Content & Validation Complete
Publish “Proposed Rec.” for vote to
move to “Final” Status

Development

Vote

Proof of Concept

Vote

Maintenance

*During this period,
the content is not
complete or
validated.*

*During this period,
the content is complete, stable
and validation is ongoing.*

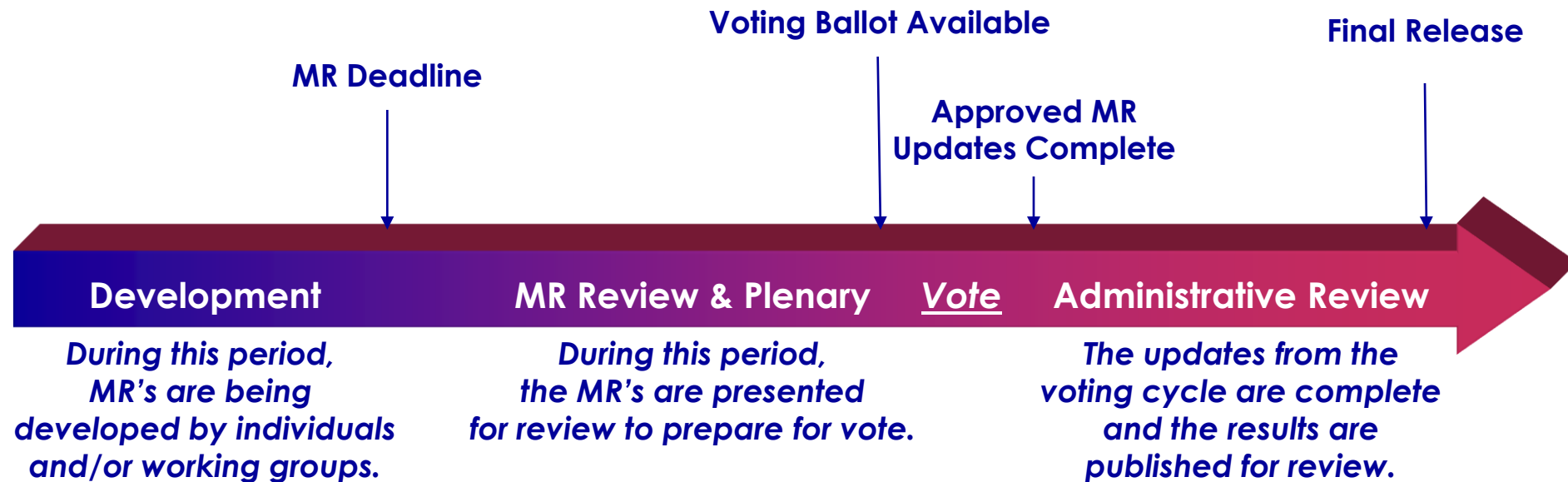
*MR's are considered for
enhancements to the
standard subject to the MR
process (i.e. Vote)*

Vote and Publishing:

- **Working Draft**
 - No vote to publish
 - Published to membership during the development phase for review and used to identify and propose additional content
- **Candidate Recommendation**
 - Voted on by DSC(s) and/or ASC to post as Candidate Recommendation
 - Published to membership only
 - During this phase there are Proof of Concept activities
- **Proposed Recommendation**
 - Prepared for official membership vote based on Candidate Recommendation experience
 - Presentation include specification documentation as well as feedback / validation from Proof of Concept activities
- **Final / Official Release**
 - Voted by membership and final approval by DSC(s) and/or ASC
 - Publish components for membership and non-membership as agreed/defined



Maintenance of Existing Standards Process



- **Development**
 - Individuals/companies and/or working groups are actively developing MR's
- **MR Deadline**
 - Deadline to complete MR's for a given voting cycle
- **MR Review and Plenary**
 - MR's are reviewed by ACORD Staff and then with membership to ensure understanding of the recommended changes
- **Vote**
 - Voted by membership and final approval by DSC(s) and/or ASC
- **Administrative Review**
 - Approved MR's are updated to the specification and the Administrative Review period begins for members to review and validate updates
- **Final/Official Release**
 - Official and final specification release is published

