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Fabric Fast Track — The 90-Day Framework

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RALEIGH DAY OF DATA
2026 · SESSION HANDOUT

01 The 5 Gates

Binary — Pass or Hold, no partial credit

PHASE	DAYS	GATE (ALL MUST PASS)
1 — Assess	1–15	Named sponsor · Measurable Day 90 outcome · Capacity approved
2 — Govern	15–25	Naming convention IT-approved · Security matrix signed · Deployment pipeline runs end-to-end
3 — Land	25–50	Bronze on schedule · Silver validated · Business owner previewed gold
4 — Build	50–75	Business owner signed ≥3 reports · BPA zero criticals · RLS tested by non-developer
5 — Operate	75–90	Go-live checklist signed by all 3 · Self-service demonstrated · Runbook reviewed

> **The gate rule.** Every item must be checked — not "mostly done," not "in progress." A held gate is not a failure. It's catching a problem before it compounds.

04 The Executive Sponsor Test

> ONE QUESTION
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> *"If Phase 3 stalls because IT and Finance disagree on the security model, who makes the call within 48 hours?"*
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> If you can't name one person: **you don't have a sponsor.**

MONDAY MORNING · ONE ACTION

Name your executive sponsor before you open the Fabric admin portal.

Without a named sponsor, **Phase 1** has no gate-keeper. Without a gate-keeper, **Phase 2** never gets approved. Without Phase 2, **governance never happens**. Without governance, you're Org A.

02 10 Anti-Patterns That Kill Fabric Deployments

#	ANTI-PATTERN	KILLS	THE FIX
01	No named executive sponsor	Phase 1	Gate: sponsor named before Phase 2
02	Vanity use case (no measurable outcome)	Phase 1	Gate: Day 90 outcome in one sentence
03	Workspace naming retrofitted in month 3	Phase 2	Convention before first workspace created
04	Service principal added "when needed"	Phase 3	Provisioned in Phase 2, tested in dev
05	Bronze skipped to hit a demo deadline	Phase 3	Medallion matrix required before first pipeline
06	Reports connected to unstable gold	Phase 3	Gate: gold stable before semantic model connects
07	UAT run by the developer	Phase 4	Business owner tests independently
08	No acceptance criteria before development	Phase 4	Criteria written and signed in Phase 1
09	Runbook written but never reviewed	Phase 5	Reviewed runbook is a gate item
10	Training = a demo, not behavior change	Phase 5	Gate: self-service demonstrated, no IT assist

03 5 BPA Rules That Stop Go-Live

CRITICAL · ZERO TOLERANCE

RULE	WHY IT MATTERS
`No implicit measures`	Auto-sum produces wrong results across filter contexts
`Date table marked as date table`	Time intelligence breaks silently without this
`All relationships active`	Inactive relationships require USERELATIONSHIP() everywhere
`No bi-directional on large tables`	Exponential query growth above 100K rows
`RLS roles defined`	If security matrix requires RLS, model must implement it

> Run **BPA in Tabular Editor** before any report goes to UAT.

05 The Medallion Rule

Source › Bronze › Silver › Gold › Reports

Bronze	Append only. Never overwrite. **Mirror the source exactly.**
Silver	Dedup, type conformance, joins, business rules. **No aggregation.**
Gold	Aggregated, reporting-grain. **Semantic model reads here — no exceptions.**

> Any source rated **1 or 2 on quality** doubles your Phase 3 estimate. Find these in week 1.

06 Workbook Resources

Templates from this session

TEMPLATE	USE IT IN
`assess-checklist.md`	Phase 1, Day 1
`assess-stakeholder-map.md`	Phase 1, Day 1–10
`govern-naming-convention.md`	Phase 2, Day 16
`govern-security-matrix.md`	Phase 2, Day 17
`govern-sp-provisioning.ps1`	Phase 2, Day 21
`land-medallion-matrix.md`	Phase 3, Day 25
`land-pipeline-starter.json`	Phase 3, Day 26
`build-acceptance-criteria.md`	Phase 4 (write in Phase 1)
`build-bpa-config.json`	Phase 4, Day 55
`operate-golive-checklist.md`	Phase 5, Day 90
`operate-monitoring-alerts.ps1`	Phase 5, Day 75
`operate-runbook.md`	Phase 5, Day 77
`payback-calculator.md`	Phase 1, Day 1
`project-plan-90day.md`	Phase 1, Day 1