

# Blockchain & Digital Assets Newsletter 04.20.2025 - 04.27.2025

# Story 1: *Industry News* Coinbase Partners with Paypal

- PayPal and Coinbase eliminate PYUSD fees with instant 1:1 USD redemption, lowering stablecoin adoption barriers.
- Merchant settlement in PYUSD validates blockchain payment infrastructure, reducing dependence on traditional banking.
- Joint development of PYUSD applications positions stablecoins as essential for next-generation financial services.

# Story 2: Agency News Paul Atkins as SEC Chairman

- Atkins' data-driven approach may accelerate tokenized asset approvals through transparency and cost-benefit analysis.
- His digital-asset background brings critical blockchain expertise to the SEC's cryptocurrency regulations.
- International regulatory experience enables him to align global tokenization standards and reduce jurisdictional friction.

# Story 3: State News New Hampshire's BTC Reserve Progress

- New Hampshire allowing 10% of general fund for Bitcoin sets precedent for government cryptocurrency adoption.
- Narrow approval margins reveal tension between financial innovation and fiscal risk management.
- Paired with related blockchain bills, New Hampshire establishes itself as a tokenization policy laboratory.

# Story 4: International News Binance Founder CZ & Malaysia PM

- CZ's meeting with Malaysia's PM positions the country as a potential Southeast Asian blockchain hub.
- BNB price rose 3.5% with 45% higher trading volume following the high-level regulatory engagement.
- 10% increase in active addresses and 15% rise in transactions demonstrate how regulatory clarity boosts ecosystem activity.

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