Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Board Meeting	
Date / Time	23 June 2026, 9:15am to 1:30pm AEST	
Location	Level 19, 8 Exhibition St, Melbourne and Teams Meeting	
Present	Marina Go AM, Independent Chairperson Sandy Davey, Director Peter Elford, Director Brett Fenton, Director Sarv Girn, Director	Sandra Hook, Director Thu-Trang Tran, Director Mike Trovato, Director Tina Wyer, Director
Also in attendance	Sarah Vandenbroek, Gov Observer (6. vc) Bruce Tonkin, CEO Linda Brown, Co Sec Sonia Joksimovic, Co Sec (vc) Sharon Copeland-Smith, COO (vc) James Shady, CFO	 Glenn Wightwick, CIO Tarnia Drakes, DPC Rebecca Papillo, A/D EC Matt Healy, LRRP Chair (11 vc)
Apologies	Claire Rogers, Director	

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional custodians of the sky, land and sea, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, and paid respects to elders past and present.

2. Welcome, attendance and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that it was Chief Innovation Officer, Glenn Wightwick's first meeting and Rebecca Papillo's first meeting as Acting Director External Relations.

3. Declaration of Interests

The Board noted the updated register.

4. In Camera

The Board held an in-camera session with the CEO.

5. Health, Safety and Wellbeing

The Board noted the People and Culture Report and discussed work from home arrangements and opportunities to increase collaboration.

6. Government update

The Chair welcomed Sarah Vandenbroek, First Assistant Secretary, Government Observer, to the meeting. Sarah provided an update on matters of interest including participation at ICANN85, the appointment of Ian Sheldon, Director Internet Governance as the Government Advisory Committee (GAC) Chair and preparations for the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Plenipotentiary Conference in November 2026. Sarah noted the Digital Duty of Care consultation process and invited auDA to provide a submission. The Board discussed the auDA's responsibilities and approach to the proposed Digital Duty of Care. Sarah acknowledged auDA for advising the Department about the release of the Licensing Rules Review Draft Report and noted that the National Anti-Scam Centre was appreciative that their submission had been considered by the Panel.

7. CEO Update

7.1 Compliance Checklist

The Board noted the Compliance Checklist and information on the Registrar privacy breach and WHOIS privacy breach actions and employee Award review.

7.2 CEO Report

The Board noted the report from the CEO including performance against core functions and strategic project OKRs, overview of the ICANN86 meeting and focus on FY27 planning and budget. The Board discussed security and technology resourcing.

8. CFO Report

8.1 FY26 YTD (May) Finance Report

The Board noted the Finance Report for May 2026 and YTD including a favourable operating and net surplus, due to disciplined spending, timing differences, underspend on staffing related to recruitment delays and stronger than expected revenue. The Board discussed the potential impact on strategy related to under staffing and noted Management's response.

8.2 Audit Review

The Board considered recent developments concerning KPMG and the implications for auDA's external audit arrangements, including independence, confidentiality, professional culture, stakeholder trust, audit continuity and auDA's public-interest role. The Board noted the letter received from the KPMG Partner responsible for auDA's FY26 Audit addressing the issues raised and confirming the remedial action taken to date.

The Board discussed whether to retain KPMG for the FY26 Audit (underway) and agreed on balance to continue with KPMG as Auditor for FY26 but to seek further assurance at a meeting between KPMG’s Senior Management and the auDA Chair, Finance and Audit Committee Chair, CEO and CFO, and subject to monitoring for any other adverse developments. The Board discussed Management’s proposal to conduct a tender for the FY27 Audit.

The Board **resolved** to **approve** KPMG continuing to conduct auDA’s FY26 Audit subject to seeking further assurance at a meeting between KPMG’s Senior Management and the auDA Chair, Finance and Audit Committee Chair, CEO and CFO, and continuing to monitor for any other adverse developments.

The Board **resolved** to **approve** a tender process for Audit services for the FY27 year.

Action: Send further questions to KPMG for a response. [CFO, June 2026]

Action: Seek advice on the process to change Auditors for FY26, in the event that KPMG is unable to complete the audit. [CFO, June 2026]

Action: Any auDA Directors and Executive with any past professional relationships with KPMG to provide details to the Company Secretary for inclusion on the conflicts register. [Co Sec, June 2026]

9. Budget and FY27 Planning

9.1 FY27 Operating Plan

The Board reviewed the proposed FY27 Operating Plan to achieve the auDA 2026-30 Strategy by June 2030, with links to the OKRs and budget. The Board confirmed with Management that there were sufficient resources to achieve the plan and that Management would advise the Board if an increase was required. The Board also noted that some initiatives were subject to business case development and these would be separately presented to the Board for resourcing approval.

The Board **resolved** to **approve** the FY27 Operating Plan.

9.2 FY27 Budget

The Board reviewed the proposed FY27 Budget and noted the forward estimates for the subsequent financial years. The Board agreed that this was a transformational year that required investment and agreed in principle to Management seeking approval for further funding based on project feasibility studies.

The Board **resolved** to **endorse** the Finance and Audit Committee’s recommendation to approve the FY26 budget for expenditure, and to adopt management’s recommendations in respect of adjustments to the auDA Fee component of the wholesale price of a .au domain name.

9.3 FY27 OKRs

The Board reviewed the proposed FY27 Objectives and Key Results (OKRs) and targets for to measure outcome progress of core functions and the 2026-30 strategy.

The Board **resolved** to **approve** the FY27 Objectives and Key Results (OKRs) and targets.

9.4 Incentivised Registrar Compliance

The Board noted the proposed new approach to incentivise Registrar compliance via performance-based pricing and that no additional revenue had been included in the FY27 Budget revenue assumptions.

The Board **resolved** to **approve** the performance-based pricing model for Registrars.

10. Risk

10.1 Risk Appetite Statement, Enterprise Risk Framework Statement and Risk Policy

The Board reviewed the Risk Appetite Statement (RAS), Key Risk Indicator (KRI) Summary and Key Enterprise Risk List, noting they had been reviewed and endorsed by the Finance and Audit Committee. The Board provided guidance on amending the wording under the Technology and Innovation Domain risk management approach from 'business case' to 'risk analysis'.

The Board **resolved** to **approve** the updated Risk Appetite Statement (RAS) and Key Risk Indicators (KRIs) subject to including the agreed amendment, and note the Key Enterprise Risk List and re-drafted Enterprise Risk Framework (ERF).

10.2 Risk Report

The Board noted the Risk Report including the increased security risk and treatments to mitigate the risk.

11. LRRP Report

The Board Chair welcomed Matt Healy, Licensing Rules Review Panel Chair, to the meeting to provide an update on the work of the Licensing Rules Review Panel. Matt advised that the draft Report was published on 4 June 2026 and the phase two consultation period had now begun with two online webinars held on 17 and 18 June and in person consultations scheduled for 6 July (Melbourne) and 7 July (Sydney). Submissions are being received online and the Draft Report has received some media attention. The consultation period ends on 10 July 2026 and a Final Report is expected to be provided to the Board for consideration at its August meeting.

The Panel Chair asked the Board to consider an increase to the Panel Remuneration based on recognising the increased workload and overall complexity or the review.

Matt Healy left the meeting.

11.1 LRRP Remuneration

The Board **resolved** to approve an increase to the Licensing Rules Review Panel member fees of 25% for the Chair (now $75K) and 50% for panel members (now $7.5K).

12. Legal Report

The Board noted the Legal Report and update provided as part of the Compliance Checklist at 7.1.

13. Strategy FY27

13.1 AI Pilot Project

The Board noted the AI Project update and the demonstration planned for after the Board meeting.

14. Board Committee Chair's Update

The Board noted the Security and Risk Committee (SRC), Governance and Culture Committee (GCC) and Finance and Audit Committee Chair updates.

15. Consent Agenda

15.1 Purpose

The Board **resolved** to **approve** the proposed Purpose Statement without change.

15.2 Nom Com Remuneration

The Board **resolved** to **endorse** the recommendation of the Governance and Culture Committee to maintain Nomination Committee member remuneration at $15,000 per year for FY27.

15.3 Corporate Governance Statement

The Board **resolved** to **endorse** the GCC recommendation to approve the 2026 Corporate Governance Statement.

15.4 Corporate Governance Policies

15.4.1 Leave Policy

The Board **resolved** to **endorse** the recommendation of the Governance and Culture Committee to approve the amended Leave Policy.

15.4.2 Parental Leave Policy

The Board **resolved** to **endorse** the recommendation of the Governance and Culture Committee to approve the amended Parental Leave Policy.

15.4.3 Director Enablement and Professional Development Guideline

The Board **resolved** to **endorse** the recommendation of the Governance and Culture committee to approve the Board Director Enablement and Professional Development Guideline.

15.4.4 WHOIS Policy

The Board **resolved** to **approve** proposed amendments to the .au Domain Administration Rules: Licensing, the .au Domain Rules the WHOIS Policy under section 4.2 and clause 4.2.4 (1) of the .au licensing rules to clarify that numbers used on personal identity documents should not be entered into the registry as Registrant ID or Eligibility ID numbers.

15.5 Previous Board Meeting Matters

15.5.1 Approval of Previous Minutes

The Board **resolved** to **approve** the 9 April 2026 Board Minutes as a true and correct record of the meeting.

15.5.2 Actions

The Board noted the Actions were either on the agenda, complete or not due.

15.6 Board Committee Matters

15.6.1 Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) Minutes

The Board noted the 19 May 2026 FAC Meeting Minutes.

15.6.2 Governance and Culture Committee (GCC) Minutes

The Board noted the 14 May 2026 GCC Meeting Minutes.

15.6.3 Security and Technology Committee (STC) Minutes

The Board noted the 14 May 2026 STC Minutes

15.6.4 Security and Technology Committee (STC) Charter

The Board **resolved** to approve the STC Charter.

15.7 Public Consultation on the edu.au Licensing Rules

The Board **resolved** to **approve** the final proposed changes to Schedule A and their publication on the auDA website at least 21 calendar days before the changes come into effect.

16. In Camera

The Board held and In-camera session.

17. Meeting Close & Next Meeting Dates

The Board noted the next meeting dates.

The meeting closed at 1:45pm

Signed as a true and correct record.

Marina Go AM
Independent Chairperson

Date: