Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Board Meeting	
Date / Time	9 April 2026, 10am to 1:30pm AEST	
Location	Level 19, 8 Exhibition St, Melbourne and Teams Meeting	
Present	Marina Go, Independent Chairperson Sandy Davey, Director Peter Elford, Director Brett Fenton, Director Sarv Girn, Director	Sandra Hook, Director Claire Rogers, 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	Sophie Mitchell, CSO Shelley Golden, GC Tarnia Drakes, DPC Matt Healy, LRRP Chair (11)
Apologies		

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 and advised that as Sarah Vandenbroek, Government Observer, had joined the meeting they would go to the Government Update item next.

3. Declaration of Interests

The Board noted the updates to the Register of Interests and were otherwise complete.

4. In Camera

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

5. Health, Safety and Wellbeing

The Board noted the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report and suggested changing the name to People, Health and Wellbeing.

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, preparations for the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Plenipotentiary Conference in November 2026 and ICANN Government Advisory Committee (GAC) in April 2026, the Children's Online Privacy Code and the establishment of the Deputy Secretary Inter-departmental committee on Digital Interactions.

The Board noted that Ian Sheldon, Director Internet Governance and current Deputy Chair of GAC had been nominated for the GAC Chair role. The Board noted Ian's important contribution at ICANN and other internet governance forums.

Action: Write a letter supporting Ian Sheldon's Nomination as GAC Chair. [CSO, April 2026]

Action: Seek a meeting with the Minister for Communications and Sport. [Chair, April 2026]

7. CEO Update

7.1 Compliance Checklist

The Board noted the Compliance Checklist.

7.2 CEO Report

The Board noted the report from the CEO including staff focus on 2026-30 Strategy execution, preparation for Board workshops on purpose and risk, outcomes of ICANN85, the Licensing Rules with sunset clauses expiring on 11 April 2026 and a complaint from a registrant regarding the Whois Lookup after the 30 day grace period for renewals. The Board provided guidance on the Performance Report commentary and colour coding to signal.

Action: Provide breakdown of complaints about auDA under the auDA Conduct Complaints Policy compared to complaints about domain names under the .au licensing rules. [CEO, June 2026]

8. CFO Report

The Board noted the Finance Report for February 2026 and YTD including a favourable operating and net surplus, because of an underspend in some areas and favourable movement in the fair value of investments (although impacted by wars post reporting period) and the Latest Best Estimate (LBE) for year end. The Board discussed the potential impact of underspending on the strategic plan.

The Board noted management's recommendation to increase auDA's Purchasing Card facility by $50,000, from $100,000 to $150,000, in connection with auDA's transition to a new Purchasing Card platform which would provide enhanced card administration functionality, including desktop management of cards and electronic upload of receipts by cardholders. The CFO confirmed that the increase to the Purchasing Card facility does not amend or replace existing financial delegations, expenditure authorities, or internal controls applying to card usage.

The Board **resolved** to approve an increase in auDA's Purchasing Card facility to $150,000 in connection with auDA's transition to a new Purchasing Card platform and authorise signatories Marina Go and Tina Wyer to sign.

Action: Provide further detail on the new Purchasing Card platform and NAB's requirement for Board approval for the increase in auDA's Purchasing Card facility. [CFO, April 2026]

9. Legal Report

The Board noted the General Counsel's update on the status of legal proceedings to which auDA is the respondent in the NSW Civil and Administrative Appeals Tribunal (**NCAT**) in regard to an auDRP case.

The Board noted the General Counsel's update on the data incident by Web Address Registration Pty Ltd, a Registrar of .au domain names trading under the name Crazy Domains and its notification to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (**OAIC**).

10. Licensing Rules Review Panel Report

The Board Chair welcomed Matt Healy, Licensing Rules Review Panel Chair, to the meeting to provide an update on the Licensing Rules Review now that the first phase of the consultation period has ended. This included the range of stakeholders who participated in the consultation sessions or provided submissions, and general themes raised including contested domains and monetisation. The Board noted the Panel's next task was to develop and issue a draft report for further public consultation.

11. Strategy FY27

The Board noted the presentation from the Executive on the FY27 Priority projects under the trust, innovation, impact and capability pillars, ahead of presenting the FY27 operating plan and budget in June 2026. The Board provided guidance on mapping the plan to the budget, costing all resourcing, capability and technology requirements, opportunities for increasing impact, assessing activities through the lens of purpose and reviewing any work that is no longer required.

12. Board Committee Chair's Update

The Board noted the Security and Risk Committee (SRC), Governance and Culture Committee (GCC) and Public Benefit Program Committee (PBPC) minutes and updates from the chairs of those committees. The Board Chair advised that the work of the PBPC had been elevated to the full board and the Board Work Plan would be updated as necessary. The Board Chair thanked the PBPC Chair, Sandra Davey, for her work in leading the Committee for several years.

The CEO advised that the EDU Advisory Committee Chair had resigned. He noted there was a Public Consultation on the *edu.au Licensing Rules* for decision under the Consent Agenda (13.4).

13. Consent Agenda

13.1 Corporate Governance Policies

13.1.1 Anti-Bribery, Fraud and Corruption Policy

The Board **resolved** to endorse the recommendation of the Governance and Culture Committee to approve the changes to the Anti-Bribery, Fraud and Corruption Policy.

13.1.2 Pandemic and Emergency Leave Policy

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

13.2 Previous Board Meeting Matters

13.2.1 Approval of Previous Minutes

The Board **resolved** to approve the 5 February 2026 Board Minutes as a true and correct record of the meeting.

13.2.2 Actions

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

13.3 Board Committee Matters

13.3.1 Security and Risk Committee (SRC) Minutes

The Board noted the SRC Minutes.

13.3.2 Governance and Culture Committee (GCC) Minutes

The Board noted the GCC Minutes.

13.3.3 Public Benefit Program Committee (PBPC) Minutes

The Board noted the PBPC Minutes.

13.3.4 EDU Record of Meeting

The Board noted the EDU Record of Meeting.

13.4 Public Consultation on the edu.au Licensing Rules

The Board **resolved** for auDA to commence a public consultation process on proposed changes to Schedule A of the .au Domain Administration Rules: Licensing.

14. In Camera

The Board held and In-camera session.

15. Meeting Close & Next Meeting Dates

The Board noted the next meeting dates.

The meeting closed at 2:08pm

Signed as a true and correct record.

Marina Go AM
Independent Chairperson

Date: