Record of Meeting

Meeting	Edu.au Advisory Committee Meeting	
Date / Time	Tuesday 8 October 2024 / 11.00am – 12.00pm AEDT	
Location	via Microsoft Teams Meeting	
Present	Andrew J. Smith, Chair Andrew Donaldson, ISA **Haydn Cockayne, Catholic Ed, WA** Craig Bennett, ACECQA Michael O'Leary, Qld DoE Margot McNeill, TAFE, NSW Andrew Donaldson, aiNSW	Corinna Maloney, ESA Kris Cutmore, ESA Amanda Shay, ESA Sandra Hook, auDA Director Sonia Joksimovic, auDA Co Sec Jane Smith, auDA CPCO Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO Shelley Golden, auDA GC
Also in attendance	Dr Kelly Stephens (University of Technology, Sydney – agenda 6)	
Apologies	Phil Sherwin, NSW DoE Troy Williams, ITECA Peter Elford, auDA Director	

1. Welcome, attendance, apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.03am.

The Chair noted those who were apologies for the meeting and confirmed a quorum present.

The Chair reprioritized the agenda, which the Committee **supported** and welcomed Dr Kelly Stephens from the University of Technology Sydney, to the meeting.

6. Presentation: Towards High Quality in Australian Education Technology

The Committee noted a presentation on research ([OPUS at UTS: Towards high quality in Australian educational technology - Open Publications of UTS Scholars](#)) co-authored with Dr Leslie Loble, AM Industry Professor at the University of Technology Sydney, which was taken as read.

The Chair invited Dr Kelly Stephens to present on the research funded by Paul Ramsay, noting that improving educational outcomes, especially for students experiencing disadvantage, should be our highest priority across the education sector and a key focus for government.

The Committee noted the research findings report that:

- Strengthening evidence that AI-enabled learning tools can lift student outcomes & support teachers, but only if high quality, effectively used & closely governed

- The capacity to use these learning tools risks becoming the next frontier of the digital divide, especially as they increasingly form a mediating layer between curriculum & classroom

- Australia needs a national mechanism to independently assure the quality of digitally enabled teaching and learning resources with clear criteria and robust and transparent assessment process; and

- Existing international quality assurance mechanisms offer a guide: outlining the core quality dimensions and the typical assessment process

The Committee noted the research argues for a national quality assurance process for Edtech, with clear criteria and robust and transparent assessment process.

It was further noted that Edtech has the potential to help close the learning and digital divide to support all learners by:

- Identifying learning difficulties
- Assisting student with lower prior knowledge; and
- Scaling effective tuition.

The Committee noted co-design is crucial, with teachers being central to the development of criteria, the QA process and assessment of resources with wider stakeholder expertise.

The Committee asked questions and commended Dr Stephens on the research presented.

Action: It was **agreed** a copy of the Presentation would be provided for the Committee to share with respective networks [CoSec, October 2024]

Dr Stephens left the meeting and the Chair reverted to the agenda, as tabled.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country paying respect to the traditional owners of the lands upon which the Committee was meeting, including elders past and present.

The Chair congratulated Dr Bruce Tonkin as auDA's new CEO, commencing 1 January 2025 and provided thanks to incumbent CEO, Rosemary Sinclair AM for her contribution to the Committee, wishing her well for the future.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Committee noted the standing Declarations of Interests Register and confirmed there were no updated interests to declare and no conflicts of interest.

4. Record of Meeting from the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted the Record of Meeting held 13 May 2024.

The Committee **confirmed** the 13 May 2024 Record of Meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Actions Arising

The Committee reviewed the actions arising from the previous meeting.

The Chair confirmed Action #8 (13 May 2024) has been addressed at today's meeting with a presentation from UTS, encouraging members to consider other potential guest speakers for future meetings.

7. Identity Digital Wholesale Price Increase

The Chair invited auDA's COO to update the Committee on the wholesale price increase of the .au domain name licence, which was published on 22 July 2024 (https://www.auda.org.au/statement/statement-au-domain-name-licence-wholesale-price).

The Committee queried whether the increase was sufficient with consideration of inflation and rising costs, which was discussed.

No other comments or questions were noted.

8. ESA Quarterly Report Update for FY24 Quarter 1

The edu.au Domain Registrar Progress Report for the April - June 2024 (FY24 Q4) reporting period was tabled as read, as also distributed

The Chair invited Amanda Shay from ESA to provide the Committee a summary of from the July – September (FY25 Q1) period which included key activities, issues, operational outcomes and trends for the reported quarter.

The Committee noted that ESA is considering what the retail impact will be to different sectors, following the wholesale price increase noted and discussed (agenda 7 above).

The Committee noted an update on .au direct applications which have been contested, which auDA COO responded to noting the .au licensing rules were released in 2021 with public consultation undertaken and are scheduled for another review in 2025.

No further comments were noted.

Margot McNeill left the meeting

9. What's happening across the Education Sector?

The Chair agreed to hold over this agenda for discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

10. Future Presentation

As noted at Actions Arising (agenda 5), the Chair encouraged members to consider any potential sector speakers/subject matters experts to be invited to future meetings.

11. 2025 Meeting Calendar

The Company Secretary provided an update on the following approved 2025 Meeting dates:

- Monday 3 March 2025 @ 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Monday 12 May 2025 @ 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Monday 4 August 2025 @ 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Monday 6 October 2025 @ 11:00am – 12:00pm

Action: It was **agreed** calendar invites for the approved 2025 meeting dates will be issued [CoSec, October 2024]

12. Any Other Business

No other business was noted.

13. Meeting Close

The Meeting closed at 12.08pm

It was noted the next meeting is scheduled **Monday 3 March 2025 at 11.00am – 12.00pm.**

Signed as a true and correct record.

Andrew J. Smith
Committee Chair

Date: