

# Record of Meeting

Meeting	Edu.au Advisory Committee Meeting	
Date / Time	Monday 3 March 2025 / 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 Felix Pirie, ITECA Michael O’Leary, Qld DoE Margot McNeill, TAFE, NSW	Amanda Shay, ESA Kris Cutmore, ESA Sam Wijesinha, ESA Sandra Hook, auDA Director Sonia Joksimovic, auDA Co Sec Bruce Tonkin, auDA CEO ( <i>joined at 11.38am</i> ) Steph Viljoen, auDA GMCO
Also in attendance	Georgina Johnston (Program Manager, National Schools Interoperability Program (NSIP) – agenda 6)	
Apologies	Jane Smith, auDA CPCO Peter Elford, auDA Director	

## 1. Welcome, attendance, apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.02am.

The Chair confirmed a quorum present.

The Chair welcomed Felix Pirie as the incoming Independent Tertiary Education Council Australia Representative, replacing Troy Williams and further acknowledged Sam, replacing Corinna Maloney from ESA, whilst she is on maternity leave.

## 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.

## 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 8 October 2024.

The Committee **confirmed** the 8 October 2024 Record of Meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

## 5. Actions Arising

The Committee noted the actions arising from the previous meeting were completed.

## 6. Presentation: Overview of Safer Technologies 4 Schools (ST4S) Initiative

The Chair invited Program Manager from National Schools Interoperability Program (NSIP [www.nsip.edu.au](http://www.nsip.edu.au)) Georgina Jonston to present on the Safer Technologies 4 Schools (ST4S) Initiative.

The Committee noted NSIP works with education agencies and solution providers across Australia to develop common solutions to business and IT problems facing schools.

The Committee noted the ST4S initiative is a standardised approach to evaluating digital products and services used by schools across Australia, against a nationally consistent security and privacy control framework.

Based on agreed interoperability standards, the Committee noted this collaborative approach results in improved solutions, as well as savings in time and cost by:

- Reducing duplication in assessment activities across jurisdictions
- Schools benefiting from reports on how to use services safely, obtain consent when disclosing student data, etc
- Criteria being aligned with requirements from members and standards and best practice in industry (ISM, OWASP, Privacy Principles, etc)

The Committee noted a ST4S Working Group has been established to support the Departments and App Developers/Vendors in meeting requirements under the Framework, encouraging ongoing compliance and engagement.

The Committee queried the progress of key issues on privacy and security in response to the Australian Framework Generative AI in schools and the availability of this initiative in tertiary sector.

The Chair discussed the use of the third-party platform and necessity for risk mitigation (e.g. AI generating child pornography)

The Chair thanked Ms Johnston on the information presented.

**Action:** It was **agreed** a copy of the Presentation would be provided and distributed to the Committee [CoSec, March 2025]

*Georgina Johnston left the meeting and Bruce Tonkin joined the meeting.*

## **7. ESA Quarterly Report Update for FY25 Quarter 1**

The edu.au Domain Registrar Progress Report was tabled as read.

The Chair invited Amanda Shay from ESA to provide the Committee a summary on the edu.au Domain Registrar Service, including current statistics and any changes or concerns that may impact namespace and/or its customers, including key activities, issues, operational outcomes and trends for the reporting period.

The Committee noted as of 16 February 2025, edu.au Domain Registrar has 17,410 registered edu.au domain names and 1,022 .au domain names, with eligibility criteria and top rejection reasons outlined and discussed.

The Committee further noted the edu.au namespace holds 25% of domain names and has an annual retention rate of 94.34%; with a new price increase to be applied in response to the October 2024 domain names wholesale increase discussed, as well as increased costs of operations.

No questions or comments were noted.

## **8. .au Licencing Rules Review**

The Chair invited ESA Representative, Amanda Shay and auDA's GMCO, Steph Viljoen, to update the Committee on the review of the .au Domain Administration Rules, which will be undertaken in a staged approach (i.e. 12-18 month process) to be led by an independent multi-stakeholder Policy Advisory Panel.

The Committee noted auDA is seeking input from members of the public on issues that they believe should be included in a review of the .au Licensing Rules, with members able to access the Issues Discovery paper via: <https://files.auda.org.au/documents/Board-approved-issues-discovery-paper-20250217.pdf>

The Committee further noted public consultation for the .au Licensing Rules Issues Discovery Paper commenced on Thursday 20 February 2025 and closes at 5pm on Thursday 13 March 2025 AEDT.

Feedback can be submitted by email to [policy@auda.org.au](mailto:policy@auda.org.au)

No comments or questions were noted.

## **9. What's happening across the Education Sector?**

The Chair invited the Committee to provide an update on what is happening across the Education Sector.

No comments were noted.

## 10. Future Presentation

The Chair encouraged members to consider any potential sector speakers/subject matters experts to be invited to future meetings.

## 11. 2025 Meeting Calendar

The Committee noted a required date change to the final 2025 edu.au Committee meeting, originally scheduled Monday 6 October 2025.

The Committee noted the meeting will be rescheduled to Monday 13 October 2025 @ 11.00am – 12.00pm.

**Action:** It was **agreed** an updated calendar invite for the approved alternative October 2025 meeting date will be issued [CoSec, March 2025]

## 12. Any Other Business

No other business was noted.

## 13. Meeting Close

The Meeting closed at 11.52pm

It was noted the next meeting is scheduled **Monday 12 May 2025 at 11.00am – 12.00pm.**

Signed as a true and correct record.

**Andrew J. Smith**

Committee Chair

Date: