

Record of Meeting

Meeting	Edu.au Advisory Committee Meeting	
Date / Time	Monday 20 October 2025 / 11.00am – 12.00pm AEDT	
Location	via Microsoft Teams Meeting	
Present	Andrew J. Smith, Chair Felix Pirie, ITECA Craig Bennett, ACECQA Haydn Cockayne, Catholic Ed, WA Andrew Donaldson, ISA Michael O’Leary, Qld DoE (<i>joined at 11.04am</i>) Margot McNeill, TAFE, NSW	Amanda Shay, ESA Tim Carruthers, ESA Sandra Hook, auDA Director Bruce Tonkin, auDA CEO Jane Smith, auDA CPCO Sonia Joksimovic, auDA Co Sec
Invitees	Ash Ganesh, ESA Sharon Copeland-Smith, auDA COO Shelley Golden, auDA GC	
Apologies	Matt Healy, LRRP Chair Peter Elford, auDA Director	

1. Welcome, attendance, apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.01am, provided an introduction to ESA representatives and confirmed a quorum present.

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 an updated interest from Sandra Hook.

4. Record of Meeting from the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted the Record of Meeting held 12 May 2025.

The Committee **confirmed** the 12 May 2025 Record of Meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Actions Arising

The Chair provide an update on the actions arising from the previous meeting, noting the .au Licensing Rules Review has been re-tabled in the meeting papers, for further consideration.

Michael O'Leary joined the meeting.

6. ESA Quarterly Report Update for FY25 Quarter 4

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

The Chair invited Amanda Shay from ESA to provide the Committee a year-to-date update on the edu.au Domain Registrar service, including current statistics and any changes or concerns that may impact on the namespace and/or its customers.

The Committee noted as of 30 September 2025, edu.au Domain Registrar has 17,423 registered edu.au domain names and 958 .au direct domain names with a downward trend on registrations noted and discussed.

The Committee noted that on average, twenty (20) applications are rejected per month, with reasons for the rejected domains outlined.

Amanda provided a migration update with *UpMind* being the new selected provider, is now completed, due to a decommissioning of the previous platform, *Web Central*.

The Committee further noted that following the previous meeting update, Stuart Mitchell (previous CTO) has been announced as the new CEO for ESA, succeeding Andrew Smith.

No comments or further questions were noted.

7. .au Licencing Rules Review

The Committee noted the following previous discussion, the .au Licencing Rules are no longer fit for purpose with proposed amendments tabled.

The Chair invited auDA's COO to update the Committee on the independent Licencing Review Panel appointed to assist with the Rules Review (<https://www.ada.org.au/public-impact/have-your-say/policy-panels/au-licensing-rules-review-2025/>) with Matt Healy, appointed Chair unavailable to attend the meeting however will be seeking engagement with the Committee, as part of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan and Project Plan.

auDA's COO outlined the key areas of focus of the Licensing Rules Review and updated timeline, with feedback to be provided from members to help inform areas for improvement.

Action: Amanda Shay to reach out to individual members to prepare collective feedback for Committee review and endorsement, prior to submission to auDA [A. Shay, ESA & Committee, November 2025 – February 2026]

No further comments or questions were noted.

8. What's happening across Education Sector?

There was no Education Sector update noted from the Committee.

Michael O'Leary queried feedback from the Committee on Artificial Intelligence considerations and whether the use of AI tools in the Domain Name Licensing should be embedded in the namespace.

The Committee noted there is an opportunity to consider AI with .Edu domain names, with legitimacy and future proof considerations to be further explored.

9. 2026 Meeting Dates

The Company Secretary provided an update on the following approved 2026 Meeting dates:

- Monday 2 March 2026 @ 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Monday 11 May 2026 @ 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Monday 3 August 2026 @ 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Monday 12 October 2026 @ 11:00am – 12:00pm

Action: It was **agreed** calendar invites for the approved 2026 meeting dates will be issued [CoSec, December 2025]

10. Any Other Business

No other business was noted.

11. Meeting Close

The Meeting closed at 12.12pm

It was noted the next meeting is scheduled **Monday 2 March 2026 @ 11:00am – 12:00pm.**

Signed as a true and correct record.

Andrew J. Smith
Committee Chair

Date: