

Record of Meeting

Meeting	Edu.au Advisory Committee Meeting	
Date / Time	Tuesday 31 August 2021 / 11.00am – 12.30pm AEDT	
Location	Teams Meeting	
Present	Andrew J. Smith, [Incoming] Chair Phil Sherwin, NSW DoE Michael O’Leary, Qld DoE Craig Bennett – ACECQA [Incoming member] Troy Williams – ITECA [Incoming member] Tony Panetta – Catholic Ed, WA [Incoming member]	Andrew C. Smith, ESA Kris Cutmore, ESA Jenny McCloy, ESA
Also in attendance	Rosemary Sinclair AM, auDA CEO Sonia Joksimovic, auDA Co Sec Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO Colin Brown, auDA HR Annaliese Williams, auDA Specialist Advisory, Policy Jackie Korhonen, auDA Director [& Incoming Board Representative)	
Apologies	Juliana Shea, ISA Margot McNeill, TAFE, NSW	

1. Welcome, attendance, apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.03am, noting Juliana Shea and Margot McNeil as apologies for the meeting and confirmed a quorum was present.

The Chair invited the CEO to provide an introduction to auDA’s Director, Jackie Korhonen, who has joined the Committee to assist matters relating to edu.au.

The Chair welcomed incoming members and invited attendees to provide a virtual round table brief Introduction.

2. Appointment of Committee Chair and Welcome from Chair

The Committee **ratified** the appointment of Andrew J. Smith as Committee Chair.

The Chair acknowledged the appointment and noted the process undertaken which included a handover from the previous Committee Chair, Michael Haigh.

The Chair outlined the purpose of the Committee meetings, as referenced in the Committee's Terms of Reference, emphasizing the protection of all edu.au elements.

3. Declarations of interests

The Chair confirmed from all present that there were no conflicts of interest to be declared.

The Company Secretary noted that a standing Declarations of Interests Register will be adopted for future meetings.

4. Record of Meeting from the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted the Record of Meeting held 29 March 2021.

The Committee **confirmed** the 29 March 2021 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.

The CEO confirmed the Board approved the Committee Terms of Reference at its April 2021 meeting and that a review in twelve (12) months' time will occur to ensure it remains fit-for-purpose.

6. ESA Quarterly Report

The .edu.au Domain Registrar Progress Report for the April – June 2021 reporting period

The Chair invited Kris Cutmore to update the Committee on Key Activities as tabled within the reports noting:

- Redrafting of Registration Policy for the edu.au, following auDA's successful launch on 12 April 2021 of New Licensing and Registrar rules.
- New registry eligibility ID types specific to the edu.au space and its child zones have been added to the .au registry system.
- Requirements for third level domain names and an increase in the number of applicants.

The Committee noted the validation plan and renewal process and discussed the marketing campaign to drive awareness for early Childhood sector, noting there were no sector eligibility changes that apply.

It was **agreed** ESA will discuss with auDA issues relating to policy changes as highlighted at the meeting and prepare a paper for Committee review and feedback. [\[ACTION\]](#)

It was noted the edu.au Domain Registrar Progress Report for July - September 2021 is currently in progress, which will be circulated to members once completed.

The CEO noted that an abridged version of the edu.au Domain Registrar Progress Report produced by ESA has been included in auDA's member newsletters for distribution.

7. University Legislation

The Committee noted the *University – related words as Domain Names* Report, prepared by auDA.

The Chair invited auDA's Specialist Advisor, Policy to update the Committee on *Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011* (TEQSA Act) amendments on restrictions in the use of Australian domain names and restrictive registration requirements.

It was noted auDA is seeking legal advice on how best to comply with all relevant legislative requirements while avoiding conflict with privacy or other obligations.

The Committee provided feedback on the Business Names Act challenges, to be aware of.

It was **agreed** ESA and auDA will undertake an exploratory discussion on the legislative impact to edu.au and update the Committee at its next meeting [\[ACTION\]](#)

8. Role of Online Services in each of the Education Sectors

The Chair invited feedback from the Committee on the role of online services in each of the Education sectors represented.

No comment was noted.

The Chair noted that the Covid-19 pandemic has forced a change with how universities operate i.e. online service offering and the impact to international students offshore including those who have post study work rights, which was discussed.

The Committee noted a recent survey undertaken with Year 12 students to test future study preferences, has highlighted students desire to get back to campus, with

- 52% participant's favouring a blended approach
- 44% participants favouring studying on campus; and only
- 4% participants favouring fully online

The Chair further noted analysis from the survey undertaken also indicated that 16% of participants would not consider embarking on studies post Year 12 graduation in the next two (2) years.

It was **agreed** this agenda would become a standing item in future for Committee deliberation and contribution [[ACTION](#)]

9. Feedback on auDA's FY21-25 Strategy

The Chair invited the auDA CEO to provide an update on auDA's FY21-25 Strategy and its consultation process with multi-stakeholders, seeking feedback on:

- Identifying areas of opportunity where auDA can build value through its work in administering the .au for the benefit of all Australians
- Refining auDA's purpose and vision; and
- Developing a proposed program of work for the next four (4) years.

The auDA CEO advised that the FY21-25 Strategy is scheduled for Board approval at its upcoming September 2021 meeting.

The auDA CEO further noted that auDA has commissioned broad base research to better understand how people are engaging with online services and will share this with the Committee in due course.

10. auDA: Update on Licencing Rules

The Chair invited the auDA COO to provide the Committee an update on auDA's Operations, noting Phase 2 of the Licensing Rules will go live on 24 March 2022.

The Committee noted the key changes proposed with the Phase 2 rollout.

11. Proposed Committee Workplan

The Chair invited the Company Secretary to update the Committee on a proposed Committee Workplan.

It was noted a workplan in alignment with the Committee's Terms of Reference would be drafted offline in consultation with the Committee Chair, for Committee review at its next scheduled meeting. [\[ACTION\]](#)

12. Future Meeting Schedule

The Company Secretary noted the date of the next and final 2021 meeting would likely be October 2021 to incorporate the ESA Quarterly edu.au Domain Registrar Progress Report for July – September 2021 reporting period and canvassed offline, with members.

It was further noted that a calendar has been progressed for proposed 2022 quarterly meetings, which will be tabled for Committee approval at the next meeting. [\[ACTION\]](#)

13. Meeting Close

The Meeting closed at 12.25pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Andrew J. Smith
Committee Chair

Date: