



MINUTES FOR THE AUK BOARD MEETING HELD ON
26 FEBRUARY 2026, VIA ZOOM, STARTING AT 19.30.

Approved on 20/03/2026

PRESENT:

Andy Cox (AC) – Chair
Caroline Fenton (CF)
Ian Hennessey (IH)
Arabella Maude (AM)
John Ward (JW)
Gideon Rabinowitz (GR)
Anne Young (AY)
Liam FitzPatrick (LF)
Nigel Armstrong (NA)

APOLOGIES:

None

1. Opening

The Chairman reported that due notice of the meeting had been given and that a quorum was present. Accordingly, the Chairman declared the meeting open.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of 17 January 2026 meeting

The minutes of the 17 January 2026 meeting were approved.

Minutes of AGM 18 February 2026

The minutes of the 18 February 2026 meeting were approved.

4. Actions arising from minutes of previous meetings

Refer to Action Tracker.

5. Allocation of directors to roles (and gap identification)

The following roles were allocated

Caroline: Membership

Liam: Communications

Ian: Calendar events

Anne/Arabella: Strategy

Nigel: Finance

Grant: Event Services

Arabella moving to Exec role for non calendar events

Following the note in the January meeting GR to follow up with all directors to ensure that their identities have been validated, (see action log). The process is available

here: · More info is here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/verifying-your-identity-for-companies-house>

6. Prospective new directors (circulate bios for info beforehand)

Prospective Directors/Non Execs
Paul Stewart
Kevin Daffey
Kevin Hickman
Chris Regan (Non Exec)

There was discussion of gaps in board function noting the recent EOs around joining the board as exec and non-exec directors.

Calls to brief candidate directors to be set to set up with AC/AY and GR

See copy of candidate briefs at end of these minutes

7. Fergus Coyle filming continuation (Liam to lead)

LF reported discussion with Fergus Coyle.

Contract and confirmed costings for remaining 9 months to be brought to next board meeting for sign-off.

8. Communication s/ Commercial Panel

Liam took the board through the discussions with Ged Lennox and the proposals to take forward as per the paper issued for the meeting.

Commercial panel to be set up led by Liam comprising GR/AY/CF/Nigel

9. Meeting schedule for 2026/7 - Gideon

The schedule of meetings was presented by GR and discussed. The updates schedule is here: [Audaxexec0.2.xlsx](#)

The schedule will need to align with the run up to next year's AGM as shown below:

AGM date	17/02/2027
Latest date for notice of AGM (at least 14 days clear notice)	08/12/2026
Latest date for resolutions to be submitted (56 days before meeting)	22/12/2026

Draft resolutions to be advertised for review until (minimum of 21 days)	13/01/2027		
Board Meeting ideally held between Latest date for nominations to be submitted (28 days before meeting)	13/01/2027 and 19/01/2027	26/01/2027	Board Meeting 18/01/2025
Latest date for notification to members of final resolutions and nominations (21 days before meeting)	26/01/2027		
Open voting site with Annual Report	26/01/2027		

10. Strategy group – Anne / Arabella

Next review meeting has been set up for 16/03/2026, deep dive with a topic to be suggested from discussions in strategy group, GR and LF will also be attending.

In the discussion on the Board Meeting schedule it was noted that the October event be set up as Deep Dive with the strategy as the main candidate topic

Closure

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed.