

ATEC Commissioner Meeting

Wednesday 1 July 2026

Meeting Communique

The ATEC held their first Commissioner Meeting as appointed statutory Commissioners on Wednesday, 1 July 2026.

Chief Commissioner Professor Barney Glover AO (Chair) recognised the significant contribution of Professor Mary O'Kane AC in leading the Australian Universities Accord process resulting in the establishment of ATEC as the independent steward of the higher education system.

Professor Glover welcomed statutory Commissioners the Hon Fiona Nash, Professor Stephen Duckett, Mr David Coltman, and acknowledged the ongoing support of Interim First Nations Commissioner, Professor Tom Calma AO.

The Commissioners resolved to:

- Release a public communique after each ATEC Commissioners Meeting to support transparency and stakeholder awareness;
- Endorse the ATEC Commissioners' Charter;
- Support and sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Education;
- Establish the Higher Education Standards Committee (HESC) in accordance with Section 25 of the *Universities Accord (Australian Tertiary Education Commission) Act 2026*.

The Commissioners discussed the upcoming process of setting provider meetings to negotiate foundational mission based compacts for 2027 and the process for appointing members to the newly established HESC.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14 July 2026.

ATEC Commissioners

Professor Barney Glover AO, Chief Commissioner (Chair)

The Hon Fiona Nash, Commissioner

Professor Stephen Duckett, Commissioner

Mr David Coltman, Commissioner

Professor Tom Calma AO, Interim First Nations Commissioner