

NAQA Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 01 June 2026

Present:

Advisory Board Members: Irine Darchia, Olgun Cicek, Ulf Hedbjörk, Martin G. Erikson, João Manuel Livramento Dias da Silva, Amanda McKenzie, Fadila Bentayeb, Tricia Bertram Gallant, Tomáš Foltýnek, Mariam Kilanava

NAQA Representatives: Andrii Butenko, Nataliia Stukalo, Tetyana Tatarчук, Volodymyr Medvediev, Lilia Janse, Maksym Folomieiev, Oxana Trebenko, Olena Knysh, Anna Shylina, Tetiana Kovalska, Maryna Nakonecha, Polina Kyrienko, Tamara Sverdlyk, Ivan Boltenkov.

Agenda:

1. Welcome words and NAQA Updates
2. Trainings for international experts
3. Q&A and Open Discussion

Discussed:

1. Welcome words, NAQA updates and UQAF-2026 announcement

Andrii Butenko welcomed the participants and expressed his appreciation to the Advisory Board Members for their continued support, expertise, and valuable contributions to the development of quality assurance in higher education in Ukraine.

Nataliia Stukalo provided an overview of NAQA activities and achievements during the period from 02 February to 01 June 2026. She informed the participants about key developments related to NAQA's work, ongoing international cooperation, project activities, policy initiatives, and current priorities. Particular attention was given to the progress of NAQA External Review and other strategic developments in the field of higher education quality assurance.

Maryna Nakonechna presented the announcement of the Ukrainian Quality Assurance Forum (UQAF-2026), which will take place on September 2026. Participants were informed about the main objectives of the Forum, the planned programme, thematic discussions, and opportunities for international engagement.

2. Survey Results on the Training for NAQA International Experts

Oxana Trebenko presented the results of the survey conducted following the Training for NAQA International Experts. She summarised participants' feedback regarding the training content, organisation, and overall experience. The survey results demonstrated

a high level of satisfaction among participants and provided valuable recommendations for future training activities.

3. Q&A and Open Discussion

During the discussion, Irine Darchia, Olgun Cicek, and Ulf Hedbjörk shared their feedback on the training programme and provided suggestions for the development of future training initiatives. The participants highlighted the importance of practical components, exchange of international experience, and continued engagement of international experts in NAQA activities.

Martin G. Erikson joined the discussion and expressed particular interest in the initiative “Students as Ambassadors of Quality”, implemented by NAQA in cooperation with the Ukrainian Students League (USL). He also highlighted the importance of exploring the concept of education as resilience and noted his strong interest in further discussions during UQAF-2026.

The participants exchanged views on future cooperation opportunities and discussed potential topics for further engagement of the Advisory Board in NAQA activities.

The next meeting: TBC.