

**Minutes of the 120th Meeting of the
INTERNATIONAL AUDITING AND ASSURANCE STANDARDS BOARD (IAASB)
Held on January 26, 2021 via Videoconference**

Voting Members

Present: Tom Seidenstein (Chair)
Len Jui (Deputy Chair)
Sue Almond
Chun Wee Chiew
Julie Corden
Kai Morten Hagen
Josephine Jackson
Sachiko Kai
Edo Kienhuis
Diane Larsen
Prof. Kai-Uwe Marten
Lyn Provost
Fernando Ruiz Monroy
Prof. Roger Simnett
Wendy Stevens
Isabelle Tracq-Sengeissen
Eric Turner
Imran Vanker¹

Technical Advisors (TA)

Helene Agélii (Mr. Hagen)
Sara Ashton (Ms. Almond)
Vivienne Bauer (Mr. Monroy)
Wolf Böhm (Prof. Marten)
Fabien Cerutti (Ms. Tracq-Sengeissen)
Antonis Diolas (Mr. Chiew)
Johanna Field (Mr. Turner)
Hiram Hasty (Ms. Stevens)
Rene Herman (Prof. Simnett)
Susan Jones (Mr. Jui)
Thokozani Nkosi (Ms. Jackson)
Tania Sergott (Ms. Corden)
Jamie Shannon (Mr. Kienhuis)
Sylvia Van Dyk (Mrs. Provost)
Denise Weber (Ms. Larsen)
Kohei Yoshimura (Ms. Kai)

Apology: *None*

Non-Voting Observers

Present: Jim Dalkin (IAASB Consultative Advisory Group (CAG) Chair), Yosh'inao Matsumoto (Japanese Financial Services Authority)

Apology: Juan Maria Arteagoitia (European Commission)

Public Interest Oversight Board (PIOB) Observer

Present: Ms. Karen Stothers

¹ Mr. Vanker was supported by Mr. Yussuf Choonara at the January 26 videoconference.

IAASB Technical Staff

Present: Willie Botha (Technical Director), Beverley Bahlmann, Yvonne Chan, Brett James, Natalie Klonaridis, Armand Kotze, Kalina Shukarova Savovska, Hanken Jane Talatala, Jasper van den Hout, Angela Donnelly (IAASB Staff Fellow), Dan Montgomery (Senior Advisor – Technical Projects)

Apology: Phil Minnaar

IAASB agenda materials referred to in these minutes can be accessed on the IAASB's Website for the sessions held on [January 26](#). These minutes are a summary of the decisions made at the January 2021 IAASB video conferences, considering the issues and recommendations in the agenda material put forth by the Task Forces, Working Groups, Drafting Teams and Staff supporting the individual projects. These recommendations are made taking into account feedback from respondents to the IAASB's public consultations, in particular Exposure Drafts (EDs) of the IAASB's proposals, consideration of previous discussions of the Board and its CAG, and feedback from stakeholders through outreach activities.

1. Welcome

Mr. Seidenstein welcomed all participants to the January 26, 2021 IAASB videoconference. Mr. Seidenstein specifically welcomed Ms. Diane Larsen, Ms. Wendy Stevens and Mr. Edo Kienhuis to their first IAASB meeting as Board Members. Mr. Seidenstein also welcomed the public observers who were observing the meeting via the IAASB's YouTube channel.

2. Disruptive Technology

Mr. James and Ms. Chan shared the findings of the disruptive technology innovations research together with Mr. Gio Donaldson from Founders Intelligence. The presentation included a summary of technology trends and the possible significance and timing of disruption to audit and assurance standard-setting. The Board broadly agreed with the findings of the research presented, noting that some of the disruption may occur earlier than the research suggested. It was also noted that accessing and verifying information will be a key area of disruption in the short to medium term, as well as new technology around internal controls in the longer term. The Board also noted that disruption may create the need for new or different assurance services.

The Board broadly agreed with the preliminary proposed action items presented. Among other matters, the Board emphasized the importance of:

- Identifying adequate resources and accountabilities on technology, both in terms of current projects and longer-term disruption;
- Building and maintaining a knowledge base and keeping the Board informed and educated;
- Incorporating technology considerations into current projects; and
- Taking advantage of the available technologies for the IAASB's own processes.

IAASB CAG CHAIR'S REMARKS

Mr. Dalkin noted that technology innovations can also create ethical issues, such as when an entity is asked to host the auditor's software. He encouraged the Board to liaise with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants as the initiative advances.

PIOB OBSERVER'S REMARKS

Ms. Stothers noted that the PIOB supports the Board's work on disruptive technology. She also highlighted the importance of maintaining the Board's knowledge of technology trends and the pace of change.

WAY FORWARD

Staff will develop a forward plan based on the Board's feedback and will discuss possible next steps with the Planning Committee.

3. Conforming and Consequential Amendments to the Other IAASB Standards Arising from the Quality Management Standards²

Mr. James introduced the topic and noted that the purpose of the session was to approve the conforming and consequential amendments to the IAASB's review, assurance, and related service standards arising from the changes to the quality management standards. He thanked the Board for the comments made on this topic at the November 11th, 2020 Board meeting and highlighted the changes made to address the Board's comments from that discussion.

APPROVAL

After agreeing on specific changes, the IAASB approved the proposed conforming and consequential amendment for exposure, with 18 affirmative votes out of the 18 IAASB members present.

PIOB OBSERVER'S REMARKS

Ms. Stothers thanked the Board for progressing the necessary conforming and consequential amendments.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The Board discussed the effective date and concluded that the effective date should be for reviews of financial statements for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2022, and other assurance and related service engagements beginning on or after December 15, 2022.

4. Closing

Mr. Seidenstein thanked the IAASB Members, TAs, and Staff and closed the meeting.

5. Next Meeting

The next IAASB meeting will be held via video conferences on February 10–11, 2021. The IAASB's quarterly meeting will take place via videoconference between March 15–19, 2021.

² International Standard on Quality Management (ISQM) 1, Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements; ISQM 2, Engagement Quality Reviews; and International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 220 (Revised), Quality Management for an Audit of Financial Statements