



Subject:	Minutes of the 144 th Meeting of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB)
Venue:	Virtual via Zoom Teleconference
Date:	Friday, 31 May 2024, 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Attendance

AUASB Members:	Mr Doug Niven (Chair) Ms Julie Crisp (Deputy Chair) [Virtual] Ms Marje Russ (NZAuASB Chair) Ms Tracey Barker Mr Klynton Hankin Professor Noel Harding	Mr Terence Jeyaretnam Mr Andrew Porter [Virtual] Ms Michelle Shafizadeh Mr Jason Thorne [Virtual] Mr Chi Mun Woo
Office of the AUASB Staff:	Ms Anne Waters Ms Rene Herman Mr Rajen Pillay Dr Rebecca Mattocks	
Apologies:	Ms Joanne Lonergan	

Minutes

(Agenda Item 1 – Minute 1686) Private Discussion on Agenda and Other Matters

The AUASB discussed, in a private session, confidential information relating to the current meeting Agenda.

(Agenda Item 2 – Minute 1687) Welcome and AUASB Chair Update

The AUASB Chair welcomed AUASB Members to the 144th meeting.

(Agenda Item 3 – Minute 1688) Proposed ISA 240 Fraud – Review of AUASB Submission to IAASB

AUASB Members discussed and provided input into the draft AUASB submission to the IAASB on its Exposure Draft on revised ISA 240, *The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Fraud in an Audit of a Financial Report*. The AUASB was largely supportive of the draft submission. Members discussed the following matters for inclusion in the submission:

- Reframing the response to Question 5 to clearly articulate that the AUASB supports transparency, however, disagrees that the proposed approach to Key Audit Matters would sufficiently enhance transparency without widening the expectation gap. The submission would include constructive suggestions in this regard.
- Recommending that the IAASB strengthen application material to emphasise the importance of maintaining a sceptical mindset throughout the audit engagement.
- Ensuring that instances where the AUASB's position differs from the views held by stakeholders are clearly presented.
- Ensuring consistency in responses to Questions 4 and 10 regarding identifying fraud or suspected fraud in an audit.

ACTION – *The Office of the AUASB to incorporate suggested amendments into the AUASB's submission to the IAASB on its Exposure Draft on ISA 240 (Revised), The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Fraud in an Audit of a Financial Report. The final submission will be approved by the AUASB's Chair and submitted to the IAASB by its 5 June 2024 deadline.*



Next Meeting

The AUASB will hold its next meeting virtually on 13 June 2024.

Approval

Signed as a true and correct record.

Douglas Niven
Chair

Date: 4 December 2024