



Subject: 125th Meeting of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board - Highlights
Venue: Via Zoom Teleconference
Meeting Date: Tuesday 8 June 2021, 9:00am – 5:00pm; and
Wednesday 9 June 2021, 9:00am – 1:00pm

1. AUASB Digital Standards Portal

The AUASB Technical Group provided a demonstration of the AUASB Standards Portal which was released on 1 June 2021. The presentation highlighted key features for AUASB Members to promote to stakeholders and outlined the AUASB Technical Group's plan to continue to develop and support the Portal.

2. FRC and Audit Quality Update

The AUASB received an update on preparatory actions being taken with respect to the recommendations of the PJC Inquiry into Regulation of Auditing in Australia. The AUASB is liaising on such actions with the FRC, ASIC, AASB, APESB and AICD.

3. AUASB Preamble – Approval of ED

The AUASB considered a final version of Exposure Draft ED 02/21 Proposed Auditing Standard ASA 101 *Preamble to AUASB Standards*, which will replace the existing ASA 100 *Preamble to AUASB Standards* (issued 2006) and ASA 101 *Preamble to Australian Auditing Standards* (issued 2009). The Board approved ED 02/21 to be issued for public comment, subject to minor agreed amendments, with comments due by 31 July 2021.

4. ASA 560 – Approval of ED

The AUASB deliberated and provided input into the draft Exposure Draft ED 03/21 Proposed Auditing Standard ASA 2021-2 *Amendments to Australian Auditing Standard ASA 560 Subsequent Events*. A revised Exposure Draft 03/21 and Explanatory Memorandum will be shared with the AUASB for Out-of-Session approval.

5. IAASB Matters

The AUASB was taken through presentations on, and provided input into, the following topics that are subject to deliberation at the upcoming June 2021 IAASB meeting:

- the separate standard for less complex entities (ED ISA-LCE); and
- ISA 600 *Special Considerations—Audits of Group Financial Statements (Including the Work of Component Auditors)*.

The AUASB anticipates that the IAASB will vote to issue ED ISA-LCE at the June 2021 IAASB meeting. Once ED ISA-LCE is released internationally, the AUASB will determine the timing for exposure locally.

Additionally, the AUASB was provided with an update as to the progress of the Fraud and Going Concern projects as the IAASB commences their analysis of comments on the IAASB's Discussion Paper and progresses the analysis through to the development of project proposals.

6. ASIC Update

The AUASB welcomed Doug Niven, Chief Accountant, Australian Securities and Investments Commission who presented an Audit Update that covered a number of current developments impacting the auditing and assurance environment.



7. AUASB Technical Work Program and IAASB 2022-23 Work Plan Survey

AUASB members held a wide-ranging discussion on topical and strategic issues across the accounting and auditing profession, and the potential AUASB response to these matters. Included in these discussions was a review of the AUASB Technical Work Program and a preliminary review of the AUASB's response to the IAASB's 2022-23 Work Plan Survey. The AUASB Technical Staff will undertake further research and outreach in relation to items raised by the AUASB in order to develop a revised AUASB Technical Work Program for 2021-22. Also under consideration is an Agenda Consultation Process for the AUASB later in 2021.

The next AUASB regular meeting will be held on 7th and 10th September 2021.

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