



Subject:	Highlights of the 103 rd Meeting of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board
Venue:	ASIC Offices, Level 5, 100 Market Street, Sydney
Meeting Date:	Wednesday 12 September 2018

More detailed meeting highlights are available via [the meeting podcast](#) (13 minutes) featuring AUASB Chair **Prof. Roger Simnett AO**, Deputy Chair **Robin Low**, Technical Director **Matthew Zappulla** and Technical Staff Members **Anne Waters** and **Tim Austin**.

1. Audit Quality – Audit Committee Chair Survey (in camera session)

The AUASB was presented with a fatal flaw version of the Audit Committee Chair Survey Report which has been prepared jointly with the Financial Reporting Council (FRC). AUASB Members were pleased to see the positive results about perceptions of audit quality in the survey. They provided suggestions to clarify some of the wording in the report and how some of the key messages have been presented in the executive summary.

2. Audit Quality – Working with Regulators (in camera session)

The AUASB received an update from the AUASB Technical Group (ATG) in relation to a strategic project analysing ASIC's most recent audit inspection findings in conjunction with observations provided on this topic by representatives of largest audit firms. The AUASB discussed opportunities to address matters identified under the AUASB's current mandate and support the next steps proposed in the paper. Further work on this project will be presented at the next AUASB meeting.

3. ISA 315 Exposure Draft

The AUASB discussed the current exposure draft (ED) for ISA 315 and the matters which potentially will be included in the AUASB submission to the IAASB on the proposed standard, as well as the questions and issues the ATG and stakeholders should focus on at upcoming public roundtables the AUASB is hosting on the ED. These roundtables are being held over the next few weeks in Perth, Hobart, Canberra, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. For further information refer to: <https://www.auasb.gov.au/News/AUASB-upcoming-events/Roundtables-EDs-ASA-315-and-ASA-540.aspx>

4. Review of September 2018 IAASB Papers

The ATG provided a summary of the ED for a revised International Agreed-Upon-Procedures (AUP) standard due to be presented at the upcoming IAASB September 2018 meeting. The AUASB discussed and agreed some concerns in the ED around the exercise of professional judgement and the restriction on use/distribution of an AUP Report.

Other items on the IAASB September 2018 agenda were also reviewed, including the latest EDs for the IAASB's Quality Control Standards (ISQC 1, ISQC 2 and ISA 220) and an update on the IAASB's project developing guidance for EER Assurance engagements. The AUASB were also briefed about a new proposal the IAASB has developed on the audit of Less Complex Entities.



5. AUASB Glossary

The ATG presented to the AUASB proposed revisions to the AUASB Glossary, including a number of alternative presentation methods for consideration to address the large number of terms used in AUASB standards which have multiple definitions. The AUASB discussed how the Glossary is used by stakeholders and determined that each different definition should be separately identified in the AUASB Glossary with a link to the full name of the standard and relevant paragraph number. The AUASB approved the Glossary for issuance subject to these amendments being made and final approval by the Chair.

6. AUASB Technical Work Program Update

AUASB Members were presented with a status update of annual performance against the approved final version of the 2017-18 AUASB Technical Work Program, which will be used as the basis for the AUASB 2017-18 Annual Performance Statement to be included in the 2017-18 AASB-AUASB Annual Report. The ATG then presented a draft of the 2018-19 AUASB Technical Work Program for AUASB members' review and consideration, which, subject to feedback from AUASB members, will be finalized and approved by the AUASB Chair out of session, then posted on the AUASB Website.

The next AUASB regular meeting will be held in Melbourne on the 4th &-5th December 2018 commencing at 8:30 am.

The meeting will be open to the public.