

IAASB Meeting Highlights and Decisions

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Due to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the IAASB hosted the June 2021 IAASB meeting virtually by videoconference, over the period June 14–23, 2021.

For more detailed information about IAASB projects, please refer to the project summaries under [Current Projects](#).

Audits of Less Complex Entities (LCEs)

The IAASB approved an exposure draft of its new standard on auditing the financial statements of less complex entities. The Board agreed that consultation is needed on the draft new standard, including its scope and content, and intends to undertake rigorous outreach to obtain input of those for whom the standard is intended. The standard is intended to be a standalone standard and is based on similar concepts to the ISAs, i.e., the requirements are principles-based with the objective of obtaining sufficient appropriate audit evidence to support a reasonable assurance opinion.

The draft standard will be published for consultation in late July and the comment period will be open until the end of January 2022. It is also intended that the exposure draft and its supporting documents will be published in Spanish and French.

Fraud

The Fraud Working Group presented possible actions forward for six specific topics raised by respondents to the discussion paper where mixed responses were received or where emerging issues have been observed in the current environment. The Board provided comments for the Fraud Working Group to consider as it develops a project proposal and, if the project proposal is approved, as it further explores the topics discussed.

At the July 2021 IAASB meeting, the Fraud Working Group will present possible actions for four remaining topics where mixed responses to the discussion paper were received. The Working Group will also seek to obtain Board feedback on possible project objectives, project scope and public interest issues to inform the development of a project proposal to be presented at the September 2021 IAASB meeting.

Group Audits

The Board discussed a near complete draft of proposed ISA 600 (Revised) that reflects changes based on respondents' comments on the [Exposure Draft of Proposed ISA 600 \(Revised\)](#) (ED-600) and the Board's discussion in March 2021. In addition, the Board discussed the ISA 600 Task Force's analysis

of respondents' comments related to several remaining questions in the Explanatory Memorandum to ED-600.

The ISA 600 Task Force will continue to update the drafting of proposed ISA 600 (Revised)¹ and will presents its work at the September 2021 IAASB meeting.

Next Meeting

Video conferences have been scheduled for July 20–21, 2021. The next IAASB meeting is scheduled for September 13–17, 2021 and will be held virtually via videoconference. Details of this meeting will be published on the [IAASB Meetings webpage](#) in due course.

¹ Proposed ISA 600 (Revised), *Special Considerations—Audits of Group Financial Statements (Including the Work of Component Auditors)*