

# Meeting Highlights

19 MAY 2017

## 1. Register of Interests

The Board noted Agenda Item 1 *Board Register of Interests*.

## 2. Revision to APES 110 for NOCLAR and NAS provisions

The Board noted Agenda Item 2 *Proposed amendments to APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants due to revisions to IESBA's Code*.

The Board approved the release of the NOCLAR Standard and NAS amendments to APES 110 with an effective date of 1 January 2018 with early adoption permitted.

## 3. Proposed ED: APES GN 31 *Due Diligence Sign-offs in Low Doc Scenarios*

The Board noted Agenda Item 3 *Exposure Draft 02/17 Proposed APES GN 31 Low Doc Offerings*.

The Board directed Technical Staff to review the consistency of terms and the readability of *Appendix 1: Illustrative Examples* of the draft APES GN 31 and to update the Exposure Draft for the Board's editorial comments prior to its release.

The Board approved, subject to the editorial amendments noted, the release of Exposure Draft 02/17 *Proposed Guidance Note: APES GN 31 Professional and Ethical Considerations relating to Low Doc Offering Sign-offs*.

## 4. Project update: Long Association

The Board noted Agenda Item 4 *Proposed amendments to APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants relating to Long Association* and noted that the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) has released only a closed-off document.

The Board considered the issues raised by stakeholders in respect of the revised partner rotation requirements, specifically the late change in the jurisdictional provisions including the transition to a five-year cooling-off period after December 2023.

The Board agreed to communicate to relevant international standard setting bodies the impact caused by this late change to various stakeholders in Australia.

Subject to the Board's editorial comments, the Board approved the adoption of proposed revised AUST paragraphs to clarify the proposed jurisdictional requirements for Australian professional accountants.

## **5. Proposed revised standard: APES 310 *Client Monies***

The Board noted Agenda Item 5 *Update on revision of APES 310 Client Monies*.

The Board discussed the progress of the project to prepare an Information Sheet to highlight the APES 310 requirements relating to opening Trust Accounts.

The Board also discussed the issues in relation to processes for the change of auditors of client monies and dual signatory situations.

The Board agreed to defer consideration of the issues in relation to APES 310 to the August 2017 Board Meeting.

## **6. Annual & six-monthly reviews of APESB pronouncements**

The Board noted Agenda Item 6 *Annual & six-month review of APESB Pronouncements*.

The Board agreed that the matters raised during the annual and six-month reviews be addressed in the next revision of the relevant pronouncements.

## **7. International and other activities**

The Board noted Agenda Item 7 *International and other activities*.

The Board approved the APESB submission relating to IESBA's Exposure Draft *Improving the Structure of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants – Phase 2*.

Technical Staff advised the Board of the recent release of the IESBA's Exposure Draft *Proposed Application Material Relating to Professional Skepticism and Professional Judgment* with comments due on 25 July 2017.