

**New Zealand Accounting Standards Board**

**Minutes of the Meeting held at the CPA Australia offices, Level 9, 29 Customs Street West, Auckland  
on Wednesday 4 November 2020  
commencing at 9.45am**

- Members present:** Michael Bradbury  
Nives Botica-Redmayne  
Francis Caetano  
Karl Hickey  
Denise Hodgkins  
Keith Kendall (by videoconference)  
Angela Ryan  
Richard Smyth  
Jason Stinchcombe
- Apologies:** None
- Observers:** Zaryab Hyder, Deputy Leader, Reporting and Assurance, CA ANZ (agenda items 3,4,5)  
AASB staff:  
Patricia Au (agenda item 4)  
James Barden (agenda items 5)  
Ao Li (agenda item 5)  
Tom Liassis (agenda item 3)  
Nikole Gyles (agenda item 3,4,5)  
Fridrich Housa (agenda item 3,4,5)  
Meina Rose (agenda item 5)  
Kathy Xu (agenda item 5)
- In attendance:** April Mackenzie – Chief Executive (in part)  
Anthony Heffernan – Director, Accounting Standards  
Jamie Cattell – Project Manager, Accounting Standards  
Tracey Crookston – Project Manager, Accounting Standards  
Lisa Kelsey – Senior Project Manager, Accounting Standards  
Judith Pinny – Project Manager, Accounting Standards  
Joanne Scott – Senior Project Manager, Accounting Standards  
Vanessa Sealy-Fisher – Senior Project Manager, Accounting Standards  
Gali Slyuzberg – Project Manager, Accounting Standards

The Board moved into public session.

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**3. PBE INTEREST RATE BENCHMARK REFORM—PHASE 2**

- (a) APPROVED for issue *PBE Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2*; and

- (b) APPROVED the related signing memorandum from the Acting Chair of the NZASB to the Chair of the XRB Board.

#### **4. PBE POLICY APPROACH**

##### **4.1 PBE Policy Approach Changes**

The Board NOTED the *Policy Approach to Developing the Suite of PBE Standards* (known as the PBE Policy Approach) which was updated in August 2020 as a result of the Targeted Review of the Accounting Standards Framework.

##### **4.2 IPSASB COVID-19: Deferral of Effective Dates**

The Board CONSIDERED the application of the PBE Policy Approach to *COVID-19: Deferral of Effective Dates*.

The Board:

- (a) NOTED that the IPSASB has recently approved for issue an amending standard, *COVID-19: Deferral of Effective Dates*, which defers the effective date of IPSAS 41 and certain other pronouncements by one year, from 1 January 2022 to 1 January 2023;
- (b) NOTED that except for the deferral of the effective date of IPSAS 41, the deferrals in the IPSASB's amending standard are not relevant for PBE Standards (see Table 2 below);
- (c) AGREED not to defer the effective date of PBE IPSAS 41 (which is 1 January 2022), for the reasons set out in agenda item 4.2;
- (d) AGREED, given (b) and (c), not to adopt the IPSASB's amending standard, *COVID-19: Deferral of Effective Dates*, into PBE Standards;
- (e) AGREED to table a copy of this memo at a future XRB Board meeting to meet the requirements in paragraph 26 of the PBE Policy Approach.

##### **4.3 IPSASB Public Sector Specific Financial Instruments**

The Board CONSIDERED the application of the PBE Policy Approach to *Amendments to IPSAS 41, Financial Instruments* and AGREED that

- (a) Staff should draft an ITC and ED for a future meeting based on *Amendments to IPSAS 41, Financial Instruments*;
- (b) the effective date of *Amendments to IPSAS 41, Financial Instruments* when introduced should be 1 January 2023, with early adoption allowed; and
- (c) no changes be proposed to PBE IFRS 9.

#### **5. BUSINESS COMBINATIONS—DISCLOSURES, GOODWILL AND IMPAIRMENT**

The Board CONSIDERED its draft comment letter *on the IASB DP Business Combinations – Disclosures, Goodwill and Impairment*. The Board expects to approve its comment letter at the December meeting.

**6. STANDARD APPROVED**

The Board NOTED that Approval 129 *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2*, which amends NZ IFRS 9, NZ IAS 39, NZ IFRS 7, NZ IFRS 4 and NZ IFRS 16, has been issued.

The Board moved into non-public session.