Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

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Memorandum

To: Members of the Board

From: Penny Wardlow, Consultant

Through: Wendy M. Payne, Executive Director

Subj: **Conceptual Framework: Measurement Attributes[1]**
Ballot Draft—TAB I

MEETING OBJECTIVE

- To review a ballot draft of a final statement (Concepts Statement 7) and identify any changes that should be incorporated
- To approve the statement for issuance, subject to any changes identified at the meeting

BRIEFING MATERIAL

Attachment 1: Ballot draft—marked-up version
Attachment 2: Ballot draft—clean
Attachment 3: Ballot
Attachment 4: Summary of the measurement attributes project and Board decisions

BACKGROUND AND CHANGES PROPOSED IN THE BALLOT DRAFT

Following discussion of a preballot draft at the February meeting, the draft was revised and circulated to members for comment on March 22nd. The marked-up version of the ballot draft shows changes made to the March 22nd draft at the request of Board members. The attached clean ballot draft incorporates all the changes to date.

Changes made since March 22nd are:

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Par. 7. Mr. Showalter recommended deleting the additional phrase staff had included in the revised preballot draft ("the measurement approach, and the measurement attribute and method"— deleted from line 6). Instead, he recommended including subtitles for subparagraphs a. and b.

Mr. Jackson requested that the first sentence of 7a., defining *measurement approach*, be made parallel to the definition of *measurement attribute* in 7b. Staff has worked with Mr. Jackson's suggested rewording and recommends the changes shown in lines 8-11.

Par. 45. At Mr. Jackson's request, staff has clarified the wording. The use of the word "settlement" for both an initial amount and remeasured amounts created some confusion as to how the relevance of initial amounts would decline.

Par. 47, lines 31 and 32. Clarification of "it."

Par. A3 (Basis for Conclusions), line 36. Deleted "auditors." Mr. Showalter indicated that auditors ordinarily would not be considered "decision makers" in the sense indicated by the sentence.

Par. A11c (Basis for Conclusions). At Mr. Showalter's request, reworded the sentence concerning the Board's conclusions with respect to "going-concern."

Par. A11d (Basis for Conclusions). Added a period at the end of the paragraph.

Par. A12 (Basis for Conclusions), line 16. "Liability" instead of "financial liability," consistent with the change made by the Board in February to the definition of *settlement amount*.

CONCLUSION

Members are requested to review the ballot draft and submit their ballots, before or at the April meeting, subject to any changes made at the meeting. Ballots are due April 28th. If all ballots are received prior to the meeting, the scheduled agenda session will be canceled.