

Accounting and Auditing Policy Committee (AAPC) Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2023, 1:00 PM ET
Virtual via Zoom for Government

Attendance

Members

Ms. Monica Valentine (AAPC Chair)
Mr. Alvin Brown (CIGIE)
Mr. Brian Casto (Treasury)
Ms. Rebecca Evertsz, for Ms. Laurance
Ms. Carol Johnson (OMB)
Present: Mr. Troy Meyer (CIGIE)
Mr. Prasad Kotiswaran (CFOC)
Ms. Sarah Nelson (CIGIE)
Mr. Joseph O'Neill (GAO)
Dr. Dorothy Potter (At-large)
Mr. Robert Smalskas (CFOC)

Staff

Ms. Sherry Lee, Senior Analyst
Mr. Ricky Perry, Senior Analyst

Mr. Jason Kirwan (General Counsel)
Mr. Juan Garay (General Counsel)

Apologies: Ms. Kim Laurance (CFOC)

Welcome, Administrative Matters (Agenda Item #1)

The meeting began at 1:03 PM. Ms. Valentine began the meeting by welcoming members. Mr. Perry called roll.

Following roll call, Ms. Valentine welcomed Mr. Alvin Brown to the Accounting and Auditing Policy Committee (AAPC or "the Committee"). Mr. Brown was appointed to the AAPC by the chair of the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Audit Committee. Mr. Brown is the deputy assistant inspector general for audit at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Mr. Perry provided an update on the leases project. He noted that federal practitioners continue to provide staff with positive feedback on Technical Release (TR) 20, *Implementation Guidance for Leases*.

Mr. Perry also summarized recent Board activities, including the expected issuance of Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards 61, *Omnibus Amendments 2023, Leases-Related Topics II*, and Technical Bulletin 2023-1, *Intragovernmental Leasehold Reimbursable Work Agreements*. These forthcoming pronouncements are pending sponsor and congressional reviews. Their expected issuance dates are April 7, 2023, and March 17, 2023, respectively.

Leases – Updates to TR 20 (Agenda Item #2)

Mr. Perry provided a high-level summary of the Technical Release (TR) 20 updates projects. Staff recommended performing content analysis of Technical Release 20 and GASB implementation guidance updates to identify candidates for conforming amendments and additional Q&A. Content analysis is an approach to quantify or categorize qualitative information by systematically sorting and comparing items of information to summarize them. Under this plan, staff will evaluate implementation guidance information and code it in order to determine the appropriate actions.

- The content analysis of TR 20 Q&As will identify guidance requiring conforming amendment updates resulting from SFFAS 61 and TB 2023-1. Analysts will code TR 20 Q&A to

determine whether conforming amendments are needed for each Q&A based on information in SFFAS 61 and TB 2023-1.

- The content analysis of GASB 87 implementation guidance issued subsequent to GASB Implementation Guide 2019-3 will identify additional Q&A candidates. Analysts will code GASB implementation guidance updates and the extent to which each Q&A is a strong candidate to include in additional TR 20 Q&A.

Staff will also identify additional Q&A candidates from other sources, including the task force and issue submissions

Mr. Perry noted that he has enlisted the assistance of two GSA staff members to serve as independent coders to verify staff's content analyses.

One member asked if Mr. Perry could explain the coding categories mentioned. Mr. Perry responded that each paragraph of TR 20 would be coded based on whether or not confirming amendments from SFFAS 61 or TB 2023-1 are necessary, while GASB guidance would be coded as either (a) applicable to federal entities, (b) conceptually applicable with modifications needed, or (c) not applicable to the federal environment. Members also asked approximately how many confirming amendments and additional Q&As will result from the content analysis. Mr. Perry stated that approximately five minor conforming amendments and up to 20-30 new questions and answers could come out of the content analysis.

Wrap-up, Next Steps (Agenda Item #3)

Mr. Perry notified the Committee that another meeting has been added to the AAPC calendar to meet an August final release timeline. The additional meeting is set for April 12, 2023.

Adjournment

Ms. Valentine thanked the Committee for a productive meeting and members' insightful feedback.

The meeting adjourned at 1:51 PM.