

# Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

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## NEWS RELEASE

### **FASAB Staff Expose Proposed Staff Implementation Guidance, *Guidance for Implementing SFFAS 64: Management's Discussion and Analysis***

The executive director of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB or “the Board”), Monica R. Valentine, announced today that FASAB staff has released an exposure draft (ED) on proposed Staff Implementation Guidance (SIG) 64.1 titled *Guidance for Implementing SFFAS 64: Management's Discussion and Analysis*.

On September 27, 2024, FASAB issued Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) 64, *Management's Discussion and Analysis: Rescinding and Replacing SFFAS 15*. Staff then provided training for over 35 federal reporting entities between February and May 2025 and collected questions to help develop implementation guidance.

On September 4, 2025, staff held a public meeting to introduce the draft SIG 64.1 ED. Approximately 150 people attended the public meeting from over 50 federal entities. Attendees provided feedback to 14 polling questions indicating whether there was a need for the implementation guidance to be updated. Staff updated the proposed SIG 64.1 in accordance with the attendee feedback.

“The proposed SIG 64.1 would assist reporting entities in implementing SFFAS 64 by providing questions, answers, and examples specific to the standards,” stated Ms. Valentine.

Staff requests comments on the ED by **March 13, 2026**. Respondents are encouraged to provide the reasons for their positions. The ED (in PDF format) and the specific questions raised (in Word format) are available on the [FASAB website](#).

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