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MINUTES OF THE ASB'S BOARD MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON 26 MARCH 2026

PRESENT

CHAIRPERSON	A van der Burgh	
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD		
	W de Jager	
	D Dlamini	
	I Engelmohr	
	S Gcwabe	
	A Hardien	
	S Khan (left at 13:00)	
	A Muller (left at 12:30)	
INVITEES	L Masengana (MGI RAS)	
	P Mzizi (Chairperson of the Audit Committee) (left at 13:00)	
	L Bodewig (joined 10:10)	
EX OFFICIO	J Poggiolini	Chief Executive Officer
	E van der Westhuizen	Head of Technical
	A Botha	Standard-setter
	N Imam-Shah	Standard-setter
	S Nondlazi	Standard-setter
	S Peter	Accountant

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Members were WELCOMED to the meeting. Some Members NOTED that they would need to leave earlier. These Members are reflected on page 1 of these minutes.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was CONFIRMED with the addition of a discussion on ICT risks.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Members were ASKED to confirm any conflicts of interest. None were NOTED.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2025 were APPROVED without amendment.

5. MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

5.1 A memorandum was TABLED on the matters arising from previous meetings.

5.2 The Secretariat EXPLAINED the following:

- The meeting with the Deputy-Minister scheduled for February 2026 did not materialise given its proximity to the tabling of the national budget. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 May 2026.
- The item to improve the ASB's financial reporting will start during this financial year, but may only be fully developed in the next reporting cycle. The intention is to prepare an integrated report, but it may take time to refine the reporting.

Secretariat

6. FEEDBACK FROM THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Chairperson of the Technical Committee PROVIDED feedback from the last meeting. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2026 were also TABLED.

7. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STANDARDS OF GRAP, 2026

7.1 The Secretariat TABLED the following at the meeting:

- Memorandum from the Secretariat
- *Improvements to the Standards of GRAP, 2026*

7.2 The Secretariat EXPLAINED the key matters debated by stakeholders during the public consultation, highlighting that no significant or new issues were identified. Members NOTED the key issues debated by stakeholders during public consultations.

7.3 The Secretariat HIGHLIGHTED the key issues discussed by the Technical Committee. Members NOTED these.

7.4 Members AGREED that ED 216 does not need to be re-exposed and APPROVED the *Improvements to the Standards of GRAP*, *2026*.

7.5 Members also NOTED that a submission will be made to the Minister of Finance to determine a proposed effect date for the *Improvements to the Standards of GRAP*, *2026*.

Secretariat

8. PROPOSED STANDARD OF GRAP ON *SOCIAL BENEFITS*

8.1 The Secretariat TABLED the following at the meeting:

- Memorandum from the Secretariat
- Standard of GRAP on *Social Benefits*

8.2 Members NOTED the key issues raised by respondents on ED 214 on *Proposed Standard of GRAP on Social Benefits – Limited Scope Amendments*, and other written comment received on the proposed Standard on *Social Benefits*. Members AGREED with the Secretariat's proposed responses.

8.3 A member ASKED for clarity on the comments on ED 214 that were unrelated to the ED and whether this could signal uncertainty about the proposals. The Secretariat RESPONDED with information on these comments and that the concerns are outlined in the memo. Members EMPHASISED the importance of the Reference Group and that, even though it may require resources from the Secretariat, it may be less resource intensive than the GRAP 104 Reference Group as fewer entities are impacted by the Standard.

8.4 Members AGREED that ED 214 does not need to be re-exposed and APPROVED the Standard of GRAP on *Social Benefits*. The next steps were NOTED.

Secretariat

9. RESULTS OF THE DESKTOP REVIEW OF GRAP 18 ON *SEGMENT REPORTING*

9.1 The Secretariat TABLED the memorandum to the Board and EXPLAINED the findings from the review as well as the actions proposed by the Technical Committee.

9.2 Members INDICATED that the root causes of the findings resonate with them. Members APPROVED the actions proposed to address the findings for inclusion in the Review Report.

Secretariat

10. EMERGING ISSUES

10.1 The Secretariat TABLED a memorandum at the meeting.

Application of the Standards of GRAP

10.2 The representative from the AGSA SHARED an update on the sign off outstanding MFMA audit reports. It was NOTED that the reasons for the two outstanding audit reports do not relate to accounting.

11. INTEGRATED REPORTING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

11.1 The Secretariat TABLED a memorandum outlining issues related to sustainability and integrated reporting.

Sustainability reporting in the public sector

11.2 The Secretariat EXPLAINED that there are several reporting requirements that already exist for entities in the public sector, for example, sustainability reports, performance information, integrated reporting, and the annual report guidance issued by the National Treasury. Whether the information is the same or different, requires analysis.

11.3 The Secretariat PROPOSED that research be undertaken, possibly a literature review of the requirements of the IPSAS Sustainability Reporting Standard (SRS), Annual Report Guide and Integrated Reporting Framework, to understand differences and similarities of these reporting requirements. The Secretariat EXPLAINED that this would be a useful first step to inform the Board's decision-making, particularly on sustainability reporting. Funding could be used from prior year surpluses.

11.4 Members SUPPORTED the proposal.

Secretariat

Integrated reporting for the public sector

11.5 The Secretariat EXPLAINED the need to improve the current reporting in the public sector. Reporting often does not "tell a story" of an entity's finances and its achievements (or lack thereof).

11.6 The Secretariat PROPOSED promoting the use of integrated reporting in the public sector and working with the OAG on this initiative. The Secretariat also EXPLAINED the related benefits of its membership on the Integrated Reporting Committee of South Africa (IRCSA).

11.7 Members NOTED the work on integrated reporting and membership of the IRCSA.

12. GRAP IMPLEMENTATION

The representative from the OAG PROVIDED the following feedback:

- The OAG is in the process of developing annual report guidance for 2025/26.
- A National Treasury Instruction on year-end processes was published.
- The Minister of Finance provided an exemption from the preparation of national and provincial consolidated financial statements.
- Discussions on the adoption of the Standards of GRAP by SARS commenced.
- The OAG is considering guidance in response to queries from specific entities on accounting for revenue and GRAP 108 on *Statutory Receivables*, and infrastructure assets. The guidance may be shared more broadly with other entities in a neutral way.
- Further questions were received from entities to whom guidance was provided in the past on accounting for unlisted investments. GRAP 104 on *Financial Instruments* (revised 2019) is now effective and should be applied.
- The OAG met with different clusters on the proposed PFMA amendments. It was NOTED that the Forum of South African Directors-General commented that the roles and responsibilities of Boards should be amended regarding operational matters, such as procurement.

13. INTERNATIONAL STANDARD-SETTING ACTIVITIES

13.1 The Secretariat PROVIDED feedback from the December 2025 and March 2026 IPSASB meetings.

13.2 The Secretariat TABLED a memorandum with comments gathered to date on the IPSASB's mid-period work programme consultation.

13.3 Members SHARED comment to be included in the comment letter to the IPSASB.

Secretariat

14. ADMINISTRATION

Work programme for 2025-2026

14.1 The Secretariat TABLED the following at the meeting:

- Memorandum from the Secretariat
- Work programme for 2025/26
- Monitoring convergence with the IPSASB
- Education material for preparers 2025/26 workplan
- Education material for users (update)
- GRAP 104 Reference Group workplan
- FAQ register

IPSASB projects

14.2 Members APPROVED the proposed IPSASB EDs for concurrent exposure.

Secretariat

Performance information

14.3 The projected quarterly and annual performance was NOTED. Members AGREED to the following updates to the reported performance:

- Reword the explanation for the quarterly target relating to meeting highlights that were not met to explain that they were met early.
- Update the year-to-date actual performance for the language project from "75%" to "100%", and the communication strategy and plan from "N/A" to "1".
- Update the description of the language project to include phase 3 being met in quarter 4 (together with phase 4).

Secretariat

15. OPERATIONS AND AUDIT COMMITTEES

Feedback from the Operations Committee

15.1 The Secretariat TABLED a memorandum outlining the key recommendations and discussions of the Operations Committee.

15.2 The Chairperson of the Committee EXPLAINED that there is an increasing demand on the ASB's resources. Most recently, a request was received to provide information to the National Treasury on all procurement with several data fields required. This information will need to be completed manually, given the extent of the information required. It was also NOTED that the compliance with the BBBEE and EE Acts were onerous for the ASB.

15.3 The Board DISCUSSED the VAT on Board remuneration. It was NOTED that the payment of VAT could be irregular expenditure and should be investigated by the

Secretariat. The Secretariat should consult the Tax Policy Unit at the National Treasury to check the understanding, status and effective dates of the Binding General Rule. The Guide on Irregular Expenditure should be followed to understand whether it is economical to recover the money, should it be considered irregular, and that this assessment is done for each debt.

15.4 The Board AGREED that it would be ideal for the expenditure to be condoned in May before or at the approval of the draft financial statements for submission to the auditors.

Secretariat

Feedback from the Audit Committee

15.5 The Chairperson of the Audit Committee TABLED a report outlining the discussions from the February 2026 meeting.

15.6 It was NOTED that the concurrence for the appointment of the auditors commenced, and that there was no reason not to use MGI RAS, including that there was no IRBA inspection report.

15.7 The Secretariat EXPLAINED that the concurrence process was completed. The AGSA introduced a new requirement to have a pre-issuance review for all audits. The auditors received preliminary quotes and the pre-issuance can be accommodated within a 15% variation of the audit fee.

15.8 The Chairperson of the Committee NOTED that the ASB needs to comply with BBBEE and EE Acts.

15.9 The following reports from the Internal Audit Unit (IAU) were TABLED:

- Report on the second quarter activities.
- Updated internal audit plan for 2025/26, which outlined a reduction in audit hours as agreed.
- Report on the review of the Artificial Intelligence Policy.

15.10 The reports were NOTED by Members.

16. FINANCES AND PERFORMANCE

Quarterly report

16.1 The Secretariat TABLED the third quarterly report. It was EXPLAINED that the report was reviewed by the Operations Committee, which recommended its submission to the Public Entities Oversight Unit (PEOU).

Budget execution and forecast for the year

16.2 The Secretariat TABLED a memorandum explaining the budget execution to 28 February 2026 and the forecast revenue and spending for the year.

16.3 It was NOTED that the IFAC licence fee was paid and resulted in the realisation of a favourable Rand/US dollar exchange rate.

Procurement

16.4 The Secretariat TABLED a report on procurement for the year.

16.5 The Secretariat INDICATED that some of the procurement was finalised since drafting the memorandum.

Annual performance plan (APP) for 2026/27

16.6 The Secretariat TABLED the final APP for 2026/27. The changes from the last version were EXPLAINED.

16.7 Members NOTED the final version that was submitted to the National Treasury.

Budget for 2026/27

16.8 The Secretariat TABLED the proposed budget for 2026/27.

16.9 It was NOTED that the IPSASB travel for next year may be lower as there will be fewer meetings in North America.

17. RISK MANAGEMENT

17.1 The Secretariat TABLED the risk management report and the risk register. The Secretariat NOTED that there were no changes to the risk register since the last meeting.

17.2 The Secretariat NOTED that the risk of travel to the IPSASB meetings should be considered. Travel to the US is increasingly risky given geopolitical tensions. The June 2026 meeting will be held in Washington, and A van der Burgh and E van der Westhuizen will attend; however, the risks will be monitored leading up to the travel dates.

17.3 The Secretariat PROVIDED the remaining travel destinations for the year, i.e. Ghana (September) and the Philippines (December). These locations are still being confirmed.

17.4 Members NOTED the Risk Report, Risk Register, and the travel implications for the IPSASB meetings.

18. POLICIES

18.1 The Secretariat TABLED a report explaining the changes to the policy on the Use of Consultants, and the new policy on Gardening Leave.

18.2 Editorial amendments were PROVIDED to the Secretariat on the policy on the Use of Consultants (paragraphs 7 and 8).

18.3 Subject to the editorial changes proposed by Members, both policies were APPROVED.

Secretariat

19. LEGAL MATTERS

The Secretariat NOTED that the RAF withdrew the case from the Constitutional Court. The status of the second case is being confirmed by the ASB's lawyers with those of the RAF.

20. GOVERNANCE

20.1 The Secretariat TABLED a memorandum outlining various governance matters for the Board's consideration.

20.2 The Secretariat INDICATED that there are no other discussions on the VAT for Board Members' remuneration over and above what was discussed as part of the update from the Chairperson of the Operations Committee.

Filling of Board vacancies

20.3 The Secretariat INDICATED that I Engelmohr's vetting and induction was complete, and that he expressed an interest in joining the Technical Committee.

20.4 Members APPROVED his appointment to the Technical Committee.

20.5 It was AGREED that the filling of vacancies on the Board and the new process followed by the PEOU should be discussed with the Deputy-Minister at the next meeting with him.

Secretariat

Compliance with laws and regulations

20.6 Members NOTED the updates on the BBBEE targets and compliance with the Employment Equity Act.

Assurance

20.7 The Secretariat EXPLAINED that the AGSA approved the use of MGI RAS for the upcoming audit.

21. CALENDAR OF DATES

The Secretariat TABLED the calendar of dates for 2026/2027.

22. CLOSING REMARKS

Members were THANKED for their participation, and the meeting ADJOURNED at 14:20

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