

MINUTES



Financial Accounting  
Standards Board

**To:** Board Members

**From:** Goodwill Impairment Assessment  
Team (Gustafsson x388)

**Subject:** Minutes of the March 14, 2011  
Boarding Meeting: Goodwill  
Impairment Assessments; Results of  
Extended Outreach **Date:** March 15, 2011

**cc:** FASB: Bielstein, Lott, Proestakes, Stoklosa, Mechanick, C. Smith,  
Brickman, Catalano, Couch, Gabriele, Sutay, FASB Intranet, McGarity,  
Klimek. FASAC: Chookaszian, Posta, Guasp

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Topic: Goodwill Impairment Assessments; Results of  
Extended Outreach

Basis for Discussion: N/A

Length of Discussion: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Board members present: Buck, Golden, Linsmeier, Schroeder, Seidman,  
Siegel, Smith

Board members absent: None

Staff in charge of topic: Catalano

Other staff at Board table: Cospers, Couch, Gustafsson, Mechanick,  
Proestakes

Outside participants: None

**Type of Document and Timing Based on the Technical Plan:**

The Board met to discuss the results of extended outreach and issues relating to the development of a proposed Accounting Standards Update. The Board's technical plan calls for that document to be issued in the second quarter of 2011.

**Summary of Decisions Reached:**

The Board discussed the results of the extended outreach performed by the staff, affirmed its previous tentative decisions, and directed the staff to prepare an Exposure Draft proposing a three-step approach to assessing goodwill for impairment. The first of these steps would be a qualitative assessment of whether it is more-likely-than-not that the carrying amount of a reporting unit is greater than its fair value.

The Board decided to propose an effective date of fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011, and to permit early adoption. The Board also decided that the comment period should end on the later of May 31, 2011, or 45 days after the issuance of an Exposure Draft. The Board directed the staff to include separate questions in the Exposure Draft to solicit input from public and nonpublic entities about how each type of those entities assesses the extent of cost savings under the Exposure Draft.

**General Announcements:** None