

MINUTES



MEMORANDUM

**To:** Board Members  
**From:** Deiso x298  
**Subject:** Minutes of October 8, 2014  
Disclosures by Business Entities  
about Government Assistance  
Board Meeting  
**Date:** October 27, 2014  
**cc:** Stacey Sutay

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Topic: Disclosures by Business Entities  
about Government Assistance

Basis for Discussion: FASB Memo No. 3

Length of Discussion: 1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. (EST)

Attendance:

Board members present: Golden, Kroeker, Buck, Linsmeier, Schroeder,  
Siegel, and Smith

Board members absent: None

Staff in charge of topic: Gagnon and Deiso

Other staff at Board table: Cosper and Mechanick

Outside participants: None

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

The Board met to discuss issues relating to the development of an Exposure Draft addressing disclosures by business entities about government assistance.

**Tentative Board Decisions:**

The Board discussed the following four scope-related issues:

1. Principle to describe government assistance transactions that would be within the scope
2. Explicit scope exceptions that may be needed in addition to the principle
3. Assistance from foreign governments
4. The entities to which the disclosure requirements would apply.

The Board discussed that a principle should be used to describe the scope of the disclosures that would focus on arrangements (a) that are the result of an agreement and (b) in which the entity does not provide equal value in return for the assistance received. The Board directed the staff to perform additional research to refine the elements of the proposed principle such as an agreement and value.

The Board also decided that the disclosures would be required only by business entities and would include information about assistance from both domestic and foreign governments (Vote: 4-3).

**General Announcements:**

None.