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MEMORANDUM

**To:** Board Members  
**From:** FASB staff  
**Subject:** Minutes of the January 6, 2016 Board Meeting  
**Date:** January 7, 2016  
**cc:** Stacey Sutay

*The Board meeting minutes are provided for the information and convenience of constituents who want to follow the Board's deliberations. All of the conclusions reported are tentative and may be changed at future Board meetings. Decisions become final only after a formal written ballot to issue an Accounting Standards Update or a Statement of Financial Accounting Concepts.*

**Topic:** Revenue Recognition—Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing

**Basis for Discussion:** FASB Memo 8: Redeliberations—Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing

**Length of Discussion:** 9:15 a.m. to 9:25 a.m. EST

**Attendance:**

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

Board members absent: None

Staff in charge of topic: Mazzella

Other staff at Board table: Walsh, Cosper, Kallner, and Holle

Outside participants: None

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

The staff updated the Board on developments related to the license restrictions and the license renewals guidance in the forthcoming Accounting Standards Update, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)—Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing*.

The Board made no decisions. The Board observed that the application guidance on licensing does not override the five-step revenue recognition model in Topic 606. An entity is expected to apply the guidance for identifying performance obligations to determine whether a contract includes one or multiple licenses. The Board also observed that the use and benefit guidance applies to both the initial license of intellectual property and renewals.

**General Announcements:** None.