Hong Kong Institute of
Certified Public Accountants
香港會計師公會

Minutes of the 436th Meeting of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee

Date: Tuesday, 14 July 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Board Room of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 37/F., Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong (and via videoconference)

Present:
Mr. Louis Lau (Chairman) (dial-in)
Mr. Ivan Au (Deputy Chairman) (dial-in)
Ms. Elaine Chang (dial-in)
Ms. Caroline Chiu
Mr. Deric Chiu (dial-in)
Mr. Tony Leung (dial-in)
Mr. Michael Li
Mr. Charbon Lo (dial-in)
Ms. Joan Ng (dial-in)
Ms. Wing Tam (dial-in)
Ms. Angela Tsang (dial-in)
Ms. Carrie Lau
Ms. Winnie Yau (dial-in)

In attendance:
Ms. Cecilia Kwei, Director, Standard Setting Department (SSD)
Ms. Selene Ho, Deputy Director, SSD
Mr. Selwyn Wong, Deputy Director, SSD
Ms. Grace Lau, Associate Director, SSD
Mr. Anthony Wong, Associate Director, SSD
Ms. Cherry Yau, Associate Director, SSD
Ms. Phoebe To, Manager, SSD

Observer:
Mr. Logos Lee, Accounting and Financial Reporting Council

Action

3387. Minutes of the 435th meeting

The Committee approved the minutes of the 435th meeting.

3388. Work plan status report and update from working groups

The Committee considered the report and noted the progress of various projects.

3389. IAASB Exposure Draft on Proposed ISRE 2410 (Revised), *Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity's Annual Financial Statements*

The Committee received an update on the outreach activities relating to the IAASB's Exposure Draft (ED) on proposed ISRE 2410 (Revised). It noted that, as of the date of the meeting paper, no comments had been received from the

Committee or external stakeholders. The Committee considered the draft submission prepared by SSD staff, which generally supported the proposals in the ED, subject to comments on specific questions.

The Committee discussed SSD staff's proposed comments, including those relating to going concern considerations and reporting, ethical requirements for group interim review engagements, and proposed drafting clarifications to the ED. The Committee provided comments and suggestions on the draft submission, including the matters specifically highlighted for the Committee's consideration.

SSD staff will revise the draft comments as appropriate and continue the planned outreach and due process activities, including consultation with the Ethics Committee, circulation of a revised draft submission for out-of-session comments, and finalization of the submission in accordance with the proposed timetable. SSD

[Post-meeting note: The draft submission was approved by the Committee by circulation on 31 August. It was submitted to the IAASB on 1 September and is available here.]

3390. Proposed revisions to PN 820 (Revised), *The Audit of Licensed Corporations and Associated Entities of Intermediaries*

The Committee received an update on the progress of the proposed revision to PN 820 (Revised). It noted that the current draft incorporated the first batch of comments and amendments from the Drafting Team and Securities Regulatory Advisory Panel (SRAP). The Committee further noted that the Drafting Team had agreed on the approach for addressing the outstanding comments and that the revised draft is expected to be circulated to the regulator for comments by end of July 2026.

The Committee noted from SSD staff's update that the project is more complex than originally anticipated. The following key matters in relation to the proposed revisions were highlighted:

- Consequential amendments arising from the regulator's confirmation that virtual assets trading platforms (VATPs) are regulated under both the Securities and Futures Ordinance (SFO) and the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Ordinance (AMLO), including updates to engagement letters, compliance reports and auditor responsibilities to reflect relevant AMLO requirements;

- Revisions required to address the three sets of "Terms and Conditions" applicable to licensed corporations, together with consequential updates to illustrative materials such as letters of representation;

- The development of a new compliance report for VATP operators and their associated entities;

- The inclusion of a new section outlining the regulatory requirements applicable to virtual asset dealers and VATP operators, including relevant

Securities and Futures (Financial Resources) Rules (FRR) requirements; and

- The development of new guidance for practitioners on the accounting, audit and record-keeping implications arising from blockchain data.

The Committee also noted that the latest project timetable for the revision of PN 820 (Revised) remains unchanged from that reported at the June meeting.

[Post-meeting note: SSD sent the revised draft PN to the regulator on 29 July for comments until 7 August. The comments were received on 24 August.]

3391. Proposed revisions to PN 830 (Revised), *Reports by the Auditor under the Banking Ordinance*

The Committee received an update on the progress of proposed revisions to PN 830 (Revised). The Committee noted the key comments from the regulator and the proposed responses by the Banking Regulatory Advisory Panel (BRAP). The Committee also agreed with the BRAP's view to retain the extant wording in the agreed-upon procedure report in the context of PN 830 (Revised). The revised draft PN incorporating comments from the BRAP will be circulated to the regulator for further comment. SSD

[Post-meeting note: SSD sent the revised draft PN to the regulator on 14 July for comments until 31 August.]

3392. Any other business

- The next meeting will be held on 8 September and the Committee was requested to suggest any agenda items by 17 August.

- SSD staff recently joined the IAASB Technology Advisory Network, which supports the IAASB in monitoring emerging technologies relevant to its projects and standards. The Committee was invited to share observations and insights on technology developments that may have an implication to the auditing profession. SSD will convey this input to the IAASB through its participation in the network.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:35 a.m.

LOUIS LAU
CHAIRMAN

6 October 2026