

MINUTES



MEMORANDUM

To: Board Members
From: Padgett (x442)
Subject: Minutes of the January 30, 2019 Board Meeting: EITF Ratification
Date: February 1, 2019
cc: Tosches

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: Board ratification of the consensus reached on EITF Issue No. 18-B

Basis for Discussion: EITF Ratification Memorandum

Length of Discussion: 9:00 to 9:08

Attendance:

Board members present: Golden, Kroeker, Botosan, Buesser, Hunt, and Schroeder
Board members absent: None
Staff in charge of topic: Bond, Yepes, and Gilioli
Other staff at Board table: Cosper, Lazzara, and Padgett
Outside participants: None

Type of Document and Timing Based on the Technical Plan:

The Board met to discuss the potential issuance of an Update resulting from EITF Issue No. 18-B, “Improvements to Accounting for Episodic Television Series.”

Tentative Board Decisions:

Ratification of EITF consensus. The Board ratified the consensus reached at the January 17, 2019 EITF meeting on the following EITF Issue. The Board directed the staff to draft an Accounting Standards Update reflecting the consensus for vote by written ballot.

Issue No. 18-B, “Improvements to Accounting for Episodic Television Series”

The Task Force reached a consensus to align the accounting for production costs of episodic television series with the accounting for production costs of films by removing the content distinction from Subtopic 926-20, Entertainment—Films—Other Assets—Film Costs. The Task Force also reached a consensus to allow an entity to assess a film group for impairment and to amend the presentation and disclosure requirements for films and episodic content. In addition, the Task Force agreed to make conforming amendments to Subtopic 920-350, Entertainment—Broadcasters—Intangibles—Goodwill and Other, to align its impairment and presentation and disclosure guidance with the Task Force’s decisions. The Task Force also decided to require that an entity reassess estimates of the use of a film and account for any changes prospectively.

Transition and Effective Date

The Task Force reached a consensus that would require an entity to apply the amendments in the Update resulting from this Issue on a prospective basis and disclose the nature of and reasons for the change in accounting principle, the transition method, and a qualitative description of the financial statement line items affected by the change.

The Task Force reached a consensus to require that the amendments in the Update resulting from this Issue be effective for annual periods, including interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2019, for public business entities. For all other entities, the amendments are effective for annual periods, including interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2020. The Task Force also reached a consensus to permit early adoption in any interim period.

(Vote: 6-0)

General Announcements: None.