

IVSC FIB Update June 2025

This IVSC Update highlights tentative decisions of the IVSC Financial Instrument Board (Board). Projects affected by these decisions can be found on the IVSC Publication Schedule. The Board's final decisions on IVS® Standards and Amendments as set out in the IVSC Standards Review Board Due Process and Working Procedures.

The Board met in person in Prague on the 9th and 10th of June 2025.

Board Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Discussion
3. CEO Update – Nick Talbot
4. Valuation Adjustments
5. SRB Topics for discussion
6. Update – Incorporation of IVS 500 into the General Standards
7. Outreach and Branding
8. FI VPO Possibilities
9. AOB and meeting conclusion

Public Board Meeting Agenda

10. Welcome
11. FAQs Update
12. Valuation Adjustment Update
13. Update on Outreach and Branding
14. Approval of Meeting Notes

Board Meeting

Opening Remarks

Thomas welcomed Board members to the meeting and expressed appreciation for their attendance at the physical meeting in Prague.

FAQ Discussion

The Board discussed the draft FAQs that had been previously circulated to members. Initial discussions focused on the development approach, with the Board tentatively agreeing to adopt a two-tier structural framework. The Board tentatively agreed that the FAQs would

address two distinct categories of constituent needs: first-tier basic-level FAQs designed to demonstrate the proper order and manner of IVS 500 application, and second-tier advanced FAQs addressing more complex application challenges involving IVS 500. Following comprehensive discussion of the FAQ content, the Board tentatively agreed the proposed materials and decided to share the draft FAQs with the Standards Review Board (SRB) for their review and commentary.

CEO Update

The Board received a comprehensive update on overall IVSC activities from CEO Nick Talbot. The presentation concentrated primarily on activities involving IOSCO, providing Board members with detailed information regarding ongoing discussions with both IOSCO and the IASB. The Board was provided with updates on the status and progress of these important stakeholder relationships. No decisions were requested from the Board.

Valuation Adjustments

The Board considered next steps regarding constituent requests for additional guidance on valuation adjustments. Members reviewed the existing guidance within IVS 500 and tentatively agreed that sufficient foundational guidance already existed within the standard that could be applied in the context of valuation adjustments. Consequently, the Board tentatively determined that the most efficient approach to addressing constituent requests would be to elaborate upon the existing IVS 500 guidance through the development of a specific FAQ addressing this topic.

Update on SRB topics

The Board received updates from Doug and Thomas regarding various SRB topics currently under discussion, as well as information concerning the activities of multiple SRB working groups that are presently in progress. The briefing covered the scope and status of these various initiatives. No decisions were requested from the Board.

Incorporation of IVS 500 into the General Standards

Thomas and Doug provided the Board with an update on the progress of the ongoing project to incorporate selected concepts from IVS 500, particularly Quality Control provisions, into the General Standards framework. The update covered project milestones and anticipated timeline for completion. No decisions were requested from the Board.

Outreach/Branding

The Board received comprehensive updates from the respective working group leads on the activities of both the Branding and Outreach working groups. The presentations focused on planned outreach and branding activities for the upcoming year, while also providing summaries of activities that had already been completed during the current period under consideration. The updates included specific initiatives designed to promote the adoption and practical application of IVS 500 across relevant stakeholder communities. No decisions were requested from the Board.

FI VPO Possibilities

The Board engaged in discussion regarding the current absence of Valuation Professional Organizations (VPOs) specializing in financial instrument valuations and the resulting challenges this situation presents for ensuring high-quality valuations of financial instruments across the market. The discussion explored potential implications and possible approaches to address this gap. No decisions were requested from the Board.

AOB and meeting conclusion

The Board discussed next steps and action items for all areas that had been addressed during the meeting. Thomas expressed gratitude to all Board members for their attendance and participation, and with no additional business to address, formally concluded the meeting.

Public Board Meeting

Welcome

Thomas welcomed constituents to the meeting and expressed appreciation for their participation in the public meeting of the Financial Instruments Board.

FAQs on IVS 500 - Update.

The Board provided constituents with a comprehensive update on its plans for developing FAQs related to IVS 500, including detailed progress reports on the initiative's current status. The presentation emphasized the critical importance of these FAQs in facilitating broader adoption and proper implementation of IVS 500 across the valuation community. The Board outlined how the FAQs would serve as essential guidance tools to support constituents in understanding and applying the standard's requirements effectively. No decisions were requested from the Board.

Valuation Adjustments – Update

The Board presented an update regarding its approach to addressing constituent requests for additional guidance on valuation adjustments. Members were informed of the Board's strategic decision to address this topic through the development of a dedicated FAQ rather than through providing additional guidance in IVS 500. The update included discussion of how this approach would efficiently leverage existing IVS 500 provisions while providing the clarity constituents had requested. No decisions were requested from the Board.

Outreach Activities on IVS 500.

The Board provided constituents with detailed updates on current outreach and branding activities designed to promote IVS 500 awareness and adoption. The presentation covered recent initiatives that had been undertaken as well as planned future activities across various stakeholder groups. Board members actively encouraged constituent participation in these outreach efforts, emphasizing the valuable role that constituent engagement plays in advancing the Standard's implementation and acceptance within the broader valuation profession. No decisions were requested from the Board.

Approval of May 2024 Financial Instrument Board Meeting Notes.

The Board reviewed the meeting notes from the May 2024 Financial Instruments Board meeting that had been circulated to members and tentatively approved the documented record of proceedings

AOB

Thomas expressed gratitude to all participants for their engagement and contributions to the meeting. With no additional business items to address, the meeting was formally concluded.