

Report of decisions



MEETING: ICAEW Regulatory Board (IRB)
DATE: 5 February 2019
LOCATION: Boardroom, Chartered Accountants' Hall
CHAIR: Michael Caplan
SECRETARY: Tracy Stanhope

ATTENDEES

Board members:

Andrew Goldsworthy
Ann Wright
David Chitty
Ian Leigh
Jane Titley
John Milsom
Michael Sufrin
Philip Nicol-Gent
Steve Barrow

Staff:

Claire Phillips
Duncan Wiggetts
Matthew Downton
Peter James
Sarah Gammon

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 December 2018 were approved by the IRB and signed by the chair.

Amendment to the legal services memorandum of understanding

The IRB approved minor changes to the legal services memorandum of understanding and agreed that the revised memorandum could be signed by the Executive Director, Professional Standards.

Approval of proposed amendments to the disciplinary bye laws for 2019

The IRB gave its final approval to the proposed disciplinary bye law changes for 2019. These included:

- A mechanism for dealing with vexatious complainants;
- A power to settle a case before the formal hearing;
- The ability to impose interim orders as a protective measure pending the final determination of a formal complaint.

The next stage is that the amendments will be placed for approval before ICAEW Board, ICAEW's Council, members in Special Meeting and the Privy Council. The effective date for the changes is likely to be in October 2019.

Guidance on public statements

The IRB approved new guidance for public statements made under disciplinary bye law 36.1 effective 5 February 2019, as the bye law had changed in October 2018.

IRB annual report to ICAEW Board and Council 2018

The IRB members suggested some additions to the annual report, including a foreword from the IRB chair, and then approved the IRB's report to ICAEW Board and Council for 2018.