Minutes.

Meeting: Standards Board

Location: Virtual

Date: 6 May 2026, 13.00 – 15.00 (BST)

PRESENT:

The Chair (Tom Spender), Michael Guthrie, Yin Jones and Den Surfraz.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director – Regulation and Conduct (Stefan Pegram), Director – Strategy (Jasmine Lassen, present for item 5 only), Director of Professional Qualifications (Ann Lamb, present for item 8 only), Investigations Manager (Jocelyn Mocatta, present for item 6 only), Lead – Regulator Reporting (Laura Murphy), Secretariat Lead – Content (Hannah Clarke) and Officer – Secretariat (Catriona Calnan).

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies for absence.

1. MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2026.

The Board noted the actions log.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Each member of the Board confirmed that they had no conflicts of interest.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair provided an update on developments since the last meeting.

4. WORK PLAN FOR 2025-26 COUNCIL YEAR

The Board noted the work plan for the 2025-26 Council year.

A further note is set out at Appendix 1.

5. ACCA CORPORATE PLAN 2026-27

The Board noted a strategic update on the Corporate Plan 2026-27.
A further note is set out at Appendix 2.

6. ACCA'S COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

The Board noted a learning session on the Complaints and Disciplinary process.

A further note is set out at Appendix 3.

7. MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS

Bankruptcy

The Board approved proposed changes to regulation 13(1)(b) of the Membership Regulations (effective 1 January 2027) to introduce a time limit of one month for individuals who become the subject of a bankruptcy event to notify Admissions and Licensing Committee that they wish to remain a member, affiliate or registered student.

8. INNOVATION AND LEARNING ASSESSMENT (ILA) REDESIGN OF ACCA QUALIFICATION

ACCA Qualification

The Board approved proposed changes to the Membership Regulations and the Global Practising Regulations (effective 1 July 2027) to reflect changes to the ACCA Qualification arising from the Innovation and Learning Assessment (ILA) project, subject to ACCA considering the matters identified at the meeting.

A further note is set out in Appendix 4.

9. PROPOSED RULEBOOK CHANGES FOR REGULATORY BOARD APPROVAL

The Board approved a paper to the Regulatory Board setting out the background to the proposed changes to the ACCA Rulebook that have been agreed by the Standards Board at its meeting in May 2026, subject to the incorporation of the amendments identified at the meeting.

A further note is set out in Appendix 5.

10. SCHEDULE OF REGULATION CHANGES FOR THE ACCA RULEBOOK

The Board noted the schedule of proposed Rulebook changes for consideration in 2026, and the potential changes placed on hold.

11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board noted the remaining dates of the Standards Board meetings in the 2025-26 Council year.

Chair