



**Office of the Washington State Auditor  
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**Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC)  
Meeting Agenda  
December 4, 2024  
9:00am – 11:00 am  
Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams**

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| <b>Topics:</b>  | <b>Speaker</b>      | <b>Time</b>       |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Welcome and Attendance</b>   | <b>Stacie</b>       |                   |
| <b>Approval of Minutes from October 2024</b>  | <b>Stacie/LGAC</b>  | <b>5 minutes</b>  |
| <b>SAO Executive Update</b>   | <b>Pat McCarthy</b> | <b>10 minutes</b> |
| <b>BARS Updates and Discussion</b>  | <b>BARS Team</b>    | <b>30 minutes</b> |
| a. Annual update list –<br>i. December 2024 BARS Manual updates<br>ii. Proposed list for Dec 25/Jan 26 update<br>iii. GASB Update, BARS impacts |                     |                   |
| b. Open Discussion - BARS   |                     |                   |
| <b>SAO Resources</b>  | <b>Center</b>       | <b>30 minutes</b> |
| <b>Open Discussion</b>  | <b>LGAC</b>         | <b>As needed</b>  |

**Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2025**

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|---|---------|
| Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 9:00am-11:00am     | Virtual |
| Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 9:00am-10:30am | Virtual |
| Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 9:00am-11:00am  | Virtual |



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## What is coming to BARS in 2026

as of December 4, 2024

### Both Manuals

- General Topics -
  - Chart of Accounts:
    - Updating BARS code descriptions, continuous project
    - Reviewing the COA section for reorganization, clean-up, and clarification
    - Research BARS code 341.92 – Property Management: need to update the description and will contact the 17 governments utilizing the code to clarify the activity being reported here.
  - 3.2.4 – Money Held in Trust: adding information on reporting requirements for when government monies are deposited into escrow accounts (or similar arrangements).
  - Accounting Principles section: adding guidance on rolling up managerial funds
  - Interfund Activities section: reviewing the section to ensure there is appropriate accounting guidance, focusing on Internal Service Fund and ER&R sections.
  - Note X – Going Concern: note being evaluated for clarification and additional guidance

### Cash Manual -

- *Continue to evaluate pages for clean-up and clarification opportunities*

### GAAP Manual -

- Update the Operating/Non-Operating BARS Code worksheet
- *Continue to evaluate pages for clean-up and clarification opportunities*

### Pending future updates

- Both manuals – Schedule 15, clarify when to recognize expenses
- GAAP – Upcoming GASB implementations
- Cash – Evaluating note disclosures for clean-up and clarification



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## GASB Update

As of October 17, 2024

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) establishes generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for U.S. state and local governments. All statements, exposure drafts and other documents for public comment are available from the GASB website, [www.gasb.org](http://www.gasb.org), free of charge.

A summary of the current and upcoming accounting and financial reporting standards is below.

**GAAP – For all statements, earlier application is encouraged.**

**CASH – Implementation will be at the time of BARS prescription.**

**For current GASB Documents for Comment visit:** <https://www.gasb.org/projects/documents-for-public-comment>

### GASB Pronouncements Effective for Reporting Year 2023

- **Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements***

This statement establishes the definition of PPPs and APAs and provides uniform guidance on accounting and financial reporting for transactions that meet those definitions.

**GAAP** – Adds more situations for Service Concession Arrangements to apply and updates the accounting and reporting requirements in these areas.

**CASH** – Adds accounting and reporting requirements, similar to leases, for PPPs and Service Concession Arrangements.

- **Statement No. 96, *Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements***

This statement brings the guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for “SBITAs” in line with that of GASB 87 - Leases.

**GAAP** – Adds accounting and reporting requirements, similar to leases, for leased software.

**CASH** – Adds accounting and reporting requirements, similar to leases, for leased software.

- **Implementation Guide 2021-1**

This guide’s objective is to provide guidance that clarifies, explains, or elaborates on GASB Statements. This statement brings the guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for derivatives, fiduciary activities, leases, and more.

**GAAP** – Most of the required changes have been implemented in BARS.

**CASH** - Most of the required changes have been implemented in BARS.

## GASB Pronouncements Effective for Reporting Year 2024

- **Statement No. 100, *Prior Period Adjustments, Accounting Changes, and Error Corrections***  
This statement improves the accounting and financial reporting guidance for prior-period adjustments, accounting changes, and error corrections – amendment of GASB Statement 62.  
  
**GAAP** – Clarifies when to apply the accounting and financial reporting for the variety of transactions that make up these categories.  
  
**CASH** – BARS will provide clearer guidance and updated BARS codes regarding these types of transactions.
- **Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences – Reexamination of Statement 16***  
This statement improves the accounting and financial reporting guidance for compensated absences.  
  
**GAAP** – Provides clearer definitions of the types of absences and the requirements for the accounting and financial reporting.  
  
**CASH** – BARS will provide clearer guidance and requirements for reporting specific types of absences.
- **Implementation Guide 2023-1**  
This guide’s objective is to provide guidance that clarifies, explains, or elaborates on GASB Statements. This statement brings the guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for leases, SBITA, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections.  
  
**GAAP** – Most of the required changes have been or will be implemented in BARS with the updates related to recent accounting changes.  
  
**CASH** - Most of the required changes have been or will be implemented in BARS with the updates related to recent accounting changes.

## GASB Pronouncements Effective for Reporting Year 2025

- **Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures***  
This statement improves financial reporting by providing users of financial statements with timely information regarding certain concentrations or constraints and related events that make a government vulnerable to a substantial impact.  
  
**GAAP** – BARS will provide guidance on when this disclosure is required and what to include in the disclosure.  
  
**CASH** – BARS will provide guidance on when this disclosure is required and what to include in the disclosure.

## GASB Pronouncements Effective for Reporting Year 2026

- **Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements***

This statement improves key components of the financial reporting model to enhance the effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability; including improvements to the management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), required supplementary information (RSI), propriety fund reports, unusual/infrequent items, major component unit information and budgetary comparison information.

**GAAP** – *information coming soon, estimated mid-2025*

**CASH** – *information coming soon, estimated mid-2025*

- **Statement No. 104, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements***

This statement establishes requirements for certain types of capital assets to be disclosed separately in the capital assets note disclosures.

**GAAP** – *information coming soon, estimated mid-2025*

**CASH** – *information coming soon, estimated mid-2025*