



The PIOB appoints new Secretary General to continue enhancing its Public Interest role

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The Public Interest Oversight Board (PIOB) has approved the appointment of Dr. Martin Manuzi as PIOB Secretary General, effective 1 March 2024, after exercising the role in an acting capacity since June 2023.

This appointment takes the PIOB into an exciting new phase of its global work following the implementation of the [Monitoring Group \(MG\) Recommendations](#). The PIOB is future-proofing itself for an ever-changing world with the challenge of meeting new Public Interest expectations in relation to sustainability reporting and assurance, as well as increasing demands on the role of auditors, assurance providers and the accounting profession.

Dr. Manuzi joined the PIOB as Director of Nominations in 2022 to support the PIOB's assumption of direct responsibility for appointing members to the Standard-Setting Boards. He has more than 20 years' international experience working on regulatory and public interest matters relating to governance, reporting, assurance and tax. (See full bio [HERE](#)).

Linda de Beer, PIOB Chair, commented: "Martin was instrumental in establishing strong processes in implementing the PIOB's new nominations function, in his role as Nominations Director. He also displayed strong leadership, strategic vision and problem-solving skills as Acting Secretary General. His appointment was preceded, not only by this trial period in an acting capacity, but was also subjected to various assessment processes, both by internal and external stakeholders, as well as a robust interview process by a diverse panel of experts. Our Board is confident that he is extremely well-suited to take the PIOB into the future".

Paul Munter, MG Chair, said: "The Secretary General position is an important part of the PIOB structure that works with all stakeholders to implement the MG Recommendations and provides independent oversight over the international auditing, assurance, ethics, and independence standard-setting system. I am delighted that this position is filled with a strong candidate who knows the PIOB and displays a deep understanding of the stakeholders and the issues of importance in the standard-setting structure".

Commenting on the confirmation of his appointment, Martin said: 'I am honoured to take on the Secretary General role and follow in the footsteps of my distinguished predecessor, Gonzalo Ramos. We are living in a moment of historic change given the evolution of technology and the inclusion of sustainable development in reporting which means that an even wider range of stakeholders will rely on international standards. I am passionate about the Public Interest and committed to ensuring that



the PIOB is proactive as well as responsive to stakeholder views in fulfilling its mission.”

About the PIOB

The Public Interest Oversight Board (PIOB) is the global independent oversight body that seeks to improve the quality and public interest focus of the international audit, assurance and ethics standards formulated by the International Standard-Setting Boards, to enhance confidence in capital markets.

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