

THE COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE

10th MEETING OF 2011

MINUTES

25th OCTOBER, 2011

CONFERENCE ROOM

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

PRESENT: Karin M. Thompson Chair
Nyda Mae Flatley Member
Roy McTaggart Member
Hedley Robinson Member
Pastor Winston Rose Member

APOLOGIES: N/A

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:
Josephine Hislop Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:50pm. Pastor Rose opened the meeting with a prayer and the Chairman then welcomed all members of the Commission.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 September, 2011 were approved.

3. Outstanding Business

a. CSPL Bill

Members were advised that the draft SPL Bill was submitted to the Honourable Attorney General by His Excellency the Governor on 7 October, 2011 to gain his input in regards to the final drafting of the document. Members will be updated once the Attorney General's input is received. It was agreed that until the SPL Bill is in force that the status of the bill will be discussed in every meeting.

b. Assistance of an Expert in the Area of Procurement

As part of its ongoing efforts to secure the services of a Consultant to assist the Commission in its ongoing review of the procurement process the Chairman and the Secretariat Manager met with Mr David Thompson from Price Waterhouse Coopers who is currently assisting Bermuda with their procurement process. The Commission will be exploring all viable options prior to making a decision as to whom to hire. Consulting with the Honourable Deputy Governor has resulted in the Commission reviewing the Jamaican legislation on procurement as well as the role of their Contractor General. The Commission will explore the possibility of meeting with officials from Jamaica to conduct further research.

c. GIS Spotlight Opportunity

The Commission was pleased with results of the GIS Spotlight Opportunity. The segment sought to encourage public interaction with the Commission and increase public awareness of the Commission's mandate. In order to continue with positive public interaction the Commission members were asked to

consider ways in which they can represent each of the Nolan Principles to the public via a similar media avenue.

4. New Business

a. Statutory Boards' use of The Nolan Principles and a Declaration Form

All Commission members were provided with a draft Declaration form. The Chairman discussed the main components in the declaration form which need to focus on avoiding conflicts of interest by disclosure of personal interests. The Commission agreed that going forward their main priority would be reviewing the framework for statutory board appointments.

b. Meeting with the Financial Secretary and Primary Stakeholders

The Chairman gave an update on the meetings with various stakeholders who play a primary role in the procurement process. The Chairman notified the Commission that the meeting with the Financial Secretary was scheduled for 27 October, 2011. The Chairman hopes to receive some positive input from the Financial Secretary regarding implementation of the various recommendations set out in the appendix to the Commission's Third Report.

5. Any Other Business

a. Meeting with Solicitor General of the Foreign Commonwealth Office

Members who were not in attendance were briefed on the 12 October, 2011 meeting with Mr Colin Roberts, Solicitor General of the Foreign Commonwealth Office. Mr. Roberts expressed an interest in the area of procurement and informed Commission members that the FCO has a keen interest in ensuring the procurement process in the Cayman Islands is remedied.

b. Meeting with the Honourable Premier

The Chairman reminded the Commission that after the tabling of their second report, His Excellency the Governor advised that a meeting with the Honourable Premier regarding procurement would be prudent. The Chairman attempted to schedule a meeting however during that time the Honourable Premier was going to be off island. The Chairman stated that she will make herself available to meet with the Honourable Premier whenever his schedule permits.

c. Letter from the Office of the Premier

The Chairman notified the Commission that she had received an invitation to serve on the Committee that is garnering public input for the United Kingdom's review of its relationship with the Overseas Territories. The Chairman accepted the invitation in her capacity as the Commission's Chair.

6. Items to be discussed at next the meeting

- a. Statutory Boards' use of The Nolan Principles and a Declaration Form;
- b. Assistance of an expert in the area of procurement;
- c. Meeting with the Financial Secretary; and
- d. White Paper Review Committee.

7. Action List

Members will:

- a. review the table created on statutory boards detailing how members are appointed;

- b. give consideration to the types of information that should be gleaned from a declaration of members of these boards to be able to identify conflicts, real or perceived, which may arise during a members tenure;
- c. review the Jamaican Contractor General Act and Regulations; and
- d. consider ways that each Nolan Principle can be communicated to the public.

The Secretariat will:


- a. enquire as to a meeting date with the Honourable Premier; and
- b. provide all members with copies of the Contractor General Act and its regulations.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting of the CSPL will be held on 21st of November at 2:30 pm.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.



Karin Thompson
CHAIRMAN
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