

THE COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
3rd MEETING OF 2012
MINUTES
16th APRIL, 2012
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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

APOLOGIES: Nyda Mae Flatley Member

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:
Deborah Bodden Manager, Commissions Secretariat

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:45pm. 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 March, 2012 were approved.

3. Outstanding Business

a. Tabling of Fourth Report of the Commission

Members were advised that the Secretariat has sought legal advice on this matter and is currently awaiting a response.

b. SPL Bill

Members were advised that the Chairman has provided the Secretariat with the additional details and comments in response to those raised by the Legislative Drafting Department to allow for any final changes to be made prior to re-submitting the draft bill to the Attorney General's chambers.

c. FOI

The Secretariat apologised for having overlooked the preparation of a draft letter on this matter and will do so immediately for the Chairman's consideration.

4. New Business

Roundtable Meeting

Since the last meeting, the Chairman met with the Governor and Deputy Governor to seek their views regarding the need for the Commission be placed in a position in which they can take the next step towards meeting its constitutional mandate regarding procurement. Members were advised that a preliminary roundtable discussion is scheduled to take place with key stakeholders later this week. The Chairman is awaiting further word from the Deputy Governor by way of a follow-up to the meeting that took place on the 4th April 2012 regarding the establishment of a working group to develop a new framework for procurement to be chaired by the Chairman. The

Secretariat has been asked to follow this up with the Deputy Governor to ascertain the status and obtain any preliminary dates for the follow-up meeting to occur.

5. Items to be discussed at next the meeting:

- a. Status of tabling of the Fourth Report of the Commission dated 17th February 2012;
- b. Status of draft SPL Bill;
- c. FOI; and
- d. Roundtable discussion.

6. Action List

The Secretariat will:

- a. follow up on the request legal advice on the issue related to the re-submission of Commission reports;
- b. follow up with the Chairman to finalise the submission of the draft SPL Bill;
- c. draft a letter to the Governor re: FOI; and
- d. contact the Deputy Governor on possible dates for the follow-up roundtable discussion as outlined above.

7. Next meeting

The next meetings of the CSPL will be held on 28 May, 25 June and 27 August, 2012 at 2:30pm.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.



Karin Thompson
CHAIRMAN
COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE