

**COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE**  
**1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF 2013**  
**MINUTES**  
**21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY, 2013**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

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

**APOLOGIES:** N/A

**SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
              Deborah Bodden                            Manager, Commissions Secretariat

**1. Meeting called to order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:38pm and a prayer was offered.

**2. Outstanding Business**

**a. Status of the SPL Bill**

The Cabinet Paper detailing the SPL Bill has now been submitted to Cabinet by the Honourable Deputy Governor. After it is placed on an agenda for a Cabinet meeting feedback will be given to the Commission.

**b. Sixth Report of the Commission**

The Sixth Report of the Commission, due for submission on 15 February 2013, is now in the draft stages. The Chairman will forward the draft report to all members for their review prior to the next meeting.

**3. New Business**

**a. Appointment of Board Members**

The members agreed that moving forward, following the submission of its Sixth Report, the attention of the Commission would be turned towards the appointment of members to boards, etc. A discussion ensued on this topic.

**4. Update on the Working Group and Sub-Committee on Procurement**

The Chairman indicated that she is still awaiting the formal submission of the Sub-Committee's Report that was approved at the last meeting of the Working Group on Procurement with a view to being placed in a position to submit it to the Deputy Governor on behalf of the Working Group. The Chairman anticipates at that stage the Deputy Governor will formally present a copy to the Commission in addition to other relevant stakeholders for their review and feedback. The Commission was reminded that it is not bound by the recommendations and findings but the Chairman is hopeful that once all members have had sight of the report it will assist the Commission in meeting its constitutional mandate regarding procurement.

## **5. Any Other Business**

### **a. Meeting with Nigel Hearney**

The Chairman advised members that in her capacity as Chairman of the Working Group on Procurement she had recently had an opportunity to meet briefly with Mr. Nigel Hearney, who was recently in Grand Cayman assisting the Cayman Islands Government with specific procurement projects. Mr. Hearney indicated that he would be prepared to offer his future assistance to the Commission should the same be deemed necessary. On this note, and with the benefit of the report that was prepared by the Sub-Committee on behalf of the Working Group for Procurement, the Commission anticipates that it will be placed in a position to fulfil its constitutional mandate in the completion of its findings and recommendations on the award of public contracts.

### **b. Presentation by the Information Commissioner**

Members were informed that the Chairman had received a short e-mail from the Information Commissioner by way of a follow up to her previous offer to facilitate a presentation to the Commission on the FOI Law. This invitation was noted with thanks on the part of the members.

### **c. Request for Information**

The Commission recently received a query from a member of the media in relation to an issue raised in its Fifth Report. Members were told that the Chairman had undertaken to provide a written response on the enquiry.

### **d. 2013 Elections**

Members were advised that a member, Roy McTaggart, had given formal notice to the Commission of his stated intention to stand for elections in the 2013 General Election. As a result Mr. McTaggart's intention was to tender his resignation from the Commission following today's meeting effective immediately.

## **6. Action List**

- a. Follow up to gain feedback from Cabinet regarding the proposed SPL Bill (Secretariat);
- b. Review and approve Sixth Report of the Commission for distribution to members (Chairman);
- c. Follow up with the submission of the Sub-Committee's Report (Secretariat); and
- d. Provide a written response on the enquiry received (Chairman).

## **7. Items to be discussed at the next meeting**

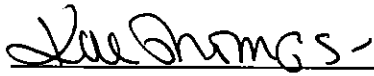
- a. Status of the SPL Bill;
- b. Sixth Report of the Commission; and
- c. Update on the Working Group and its Sub-Committee on Procurement.

## **8. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 at 2:30pm although members are asked to tentatively reserve 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 at 2:30pm should the need arise for an interim meeting.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.



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Karin Thompson

CHAIRMAN

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