

COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
5th MEETING OF 2013
MINUTES
27th MAY, 2013
CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

PRESENT: Karin M. Thompson Chairman
Nyda Mae Flatley Member
Hedley Robinson Member

APOLOGIES: Ian Wight Member

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:
Deborah Bodden Manager, Commissions Secretariat

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:15pm and a prayer was offered.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 April, 2013 were approved.

3. Outstanding Business

a. Update on the SPL Bill

Whilst the SPL Bill was deferred three times by the previous government the Commission is hopeful that when the new government takes office the Bill will be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly for the first reading and the public consultation phase. The People's Progressive Party (PPM) has indicated in their manifesto that they "shall continue to uphold the highest standards of good governance by enacting legislation to give effect to the Commission for Standards in Public Life". The Chairman advised members that she is extremely hopeful that she will be given the opportunity to meet with the new Cabinet and/or Government as soon as practicable. The Secretariat has been asked to follow up on this matter as soon as the opportunity presents.

b. Working Group and Sub-Committee on Procurement

The Commission also expressed its hope that the Honourable Deputy Governor will be in a position to re-submit the Cabinet Paper in which the Working Group on Procurement's report was submitted for consideration by the Honourable Premier, his Ministers and Members of Cabinet. The Secretariat was again asked to follow up on this matter as soon as practicable.

c. Ministerial Code of Conduct

It was confirmed that the members present had reviewed and provided their comments on the draft copy of the Ministerial Code of Conduct that was received from the Deputy Governor's Office shortly before its last meeting on the 27th April 2013. Members were advised that the comments of the Commission had been submitted in a letter from the Chairman to the Honourable Deputy Governor's Office dated 10th May 2013.

d. Leadership Cayman

Members were advised that the Chairman had accepted an invitation on behalf of the Commission to participate in this year's Good Governance segment of the Leadership Cayman

programme during the course of which she was extremely pleased to have been placed in a position to provide those attending with a clearer understanding of the role and nature of the Commission. The four hour session was well attended and after what proved to be a very open, frank and at times lively period of discussion followed by a series of individual questions and answers, the evening was brought to a close with those in attendance looking forward to next year's segment. Fellow participants were the Honourable Deputy Governor and Auditor General.

e. Lunch and Learn Series

The Secretariat arranged a week-long Lunch and Learn Series on the topic of Good Governance as it relates to Elections and Leadership in Government. Speakers during the week included His Excellency the Governor, the Auditor General, the Commissioner of Police and the Chairman of the Commission who chose to speak on the role civil servants, the requirement to take the necessary steps to avoid any suggestion of a conflict of interest, real or perceived and the fine line that exists between one's public and private lives in the public service.

4. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

5. Any Other Business

It was with regret that the Chairman asked members to note that Pastor Rose has stated his intention to tender his resignation from the Commission due to scheduling conflicts. The Chairman thanked Pastor Rose for his commitment and valuable contribution to the work of the Commission during his tenure.

6. Action List

Follow up with the Honourable Deputy Governor on the submission of the SPL Bill and the Working Group on Procurement's Report (Secretariat).

7. Items to be discussed at the next meeting

Appointments to Statutory Boards

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 24 June, 2013 at 2:30pm.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18pm.



Karin Thompson
CHAIRMAN
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