

**COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
8th MEETING OF 2013
MINUTES
19th AUGUST, 2013
CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

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

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:
Josephine Hislop Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:55pm and a prayer was offered.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 July, 2013 were approved.

3. Outstanding Business

a. Update on the SPL Bill

Members were advised that the Chairman had recently been invited to present the SPL Bill to Cabinet on the 20th of August 2013. However, the presentation was postponed and the Chairman is unaware of when it will be rescheduled. The Chairman informed the Commission that the SPL Bill is slated to be brought before the Legislative Assembly during its September 2013 sitting.

b. Working Group and Sub-Committee on Procurement

The Commission understands that the working group may request the Chairman to make a presentation to Cabinet regarding their report. The Chairman is hopeful that she can combine the presentation of the said report and the SPL Bill.

c. Report on FOI Law/Regulations

The Members were provided with a copy of the Report laid in the Legislative Assembly regarding the Review of the FOI Law, 2007 and Regulations, 2008 in a previous meeting. The Commission reiterated that at no time was it contacted for input regarding its inclusion under the FOI Law. It is the belief of the Commission that the current exemptions in the Law will not adequately cover the needs of the Commission once its own enabling legislation is passed. The Commission will continue to seek dialogue with the relevant entity to submit such necessary exemptions.

d. Seventh Report of the Commission

The draft copy of the Report was unanimously approved and signed. The Commission hopes that it will be tabled during the next sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

e. Appointments to Statutory Boards

The Chairman deferred the discussion of appointments to statutory boards since it was agreed by the Commission that more guidance will come from the feedback of the awaited meeting with Cabinet regarding the SPL Bill. Once this occurs the Chairman will update the Commission accordingly.

4. New Business

a. Performance Audit Consultation

Members agreed that the areas that the performance audit proposes to cover are detailed and comprehensive. The Chairman stated that a letter will be sent to the Auditor General commending his work and thanking him for the invitation to provide feedback.

5. Any Other Business

a. Membership of the Commission

A brief discussion took place in relation to the current vacancy and the membership of the Commission. It was agreed that there are matters that will have to be addressed by the incoming Governor before the term of current members comes to an end in January 2014.

6. Action List

The members were asked to:

- a. continue consideration on the basis upon which the Commission will proceed with the issue of appointments to Statutory Boards as it relates to its constitutional mandate to be discussed at the next meeting;

The Secretariat was tasked with:

- a. following up on the submission on the Report of the Working Group on Procurement;
- b. following up on the rescheduled date for a presentation by the Chairman to the Cabinet;
- c. following up with the FOI Unit regarding the submission of necessary exemptions; and
- d. drafting a letter to the Auditor General regarding the Performance Audit Consultation.

7. Items to be discussed at the next meeting

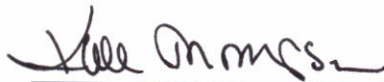
- a. Update on the SPL Bill
- b. Update on the presentation of Working Group on Procurement's Report
- c. Chairman's Presentation to the Cabinet
- d. Update on possible meeting with FOI office
- e. Seventh Report of the Commission
- f. Appointments to Statutory Boards

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 16 September, 2013 at 2:30pm.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28pm.



Karin Thompson
CHAIRMAN
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