

COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
2nd MEETING OF 2016
MINUTES
7 APRIL 2016
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

PRESENT: Rosic Whittaker-Myles	Chairman
Sheenah Hislop	Member
Pastor Shian O'Connot	Member

APOLOGIES: N/A

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden	Manager, Commissions Secretariat
Lise Hurlstone	Administrator/Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:17pm and a prayer was offered.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 2 February 2016 were approved.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

a. SPL (Am) Bill and SPL (Regulations)

The Commission was notified that that the SPL (Am) Bill was gazetted on 1 April 2016 and is expected to be presented at the next session of the Legislative Assembly beginning on 25 April. Members agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting before the next sitting of the LA session in order to finalise the recommended content of the SPL Regulations.

b. Procurement Legislation

Members discussed the responses from the Procurement Team to the questions/concerns of the Commission upon review of the draft Procurement Bill. The Commission will follow-up on areas which they feel their concerns are merited.

c. Tenth Report of the Commission

All members confirmed and signed the Tenth Annual Report which covers the period 1 August 2015 to 31 January 2016. The Report will now be forwarded to the Honourable Deputy Governor in order for it to be presented at the next sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

d. Second Annual Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commission & Anti-Corruption Bodies Conference: February 29 – March 4, 2016

The Chairman attended the Second Annual Conference in Trinidad, and commented on an increased enthusiasm behind the conference with several prominent regional and international speakers, including Mt Frank Vogl, USA representative for Transparency International and Mt Trevor Muntoe, Jamaica representative for Transparency International.

She noted some of the other problems which other jurisdictions raised during the sessions would not be issues for Cayman as these concerns mainly centred on the fact that other jurisdictions' registers are confidential, resulting in diminished public confidence in the register of interest system. As Cayman's register will be public this concern should be avoided.

She stated that the next conference is scheduled to be held in Jamaica, but that Cayman was mentioned as a likely option for a conference in the near future. She also noted that conferences may be changed to biannual instead of annual.

The Chairman's notes from the conference were circulated to members and the Secretariat to attach to the minutes however an updated version will shortly be produced and circulated by the Chairman.

e. Meetings with Members of the Legislative Assembly

The Secretariat noted that while a response has yet to be received from the Leader of the Opposition regarding a meeting, other MLAs have been contacted to set up small group meetings with the Commission; they are currently awaiting responses from Mr Ezzard Miller and Mr Arden McLean. Proposed dates for meetings are 4 and 11 May.

f. Public Awareness and Public Education Opportunities

The Commission agreed that there was a good opportunity to develop public awareness of the Commission and its duties with the SPL (Am) Bill being presented to the Legislative Assembly in a few weeks. Following the passage of the SPL (Am) Bill the Members will take steps to engage groups such as Government Board Members, schools, and other community groups. These events may possibly be held in conjunction with another Commission, should a mutually appropriate opportunity present itself. Member Sheenah Hislop noted that due to her role as an audit partner at a public accounting firm she would be unable to participate in any public awareness activities that could spark controversial debate, e.g. Radio and Television shows.

Members agreed that one area of focus should be on addressing what constitutes potential and/or perceived conflicts of interests. **New Business**
There was no new business to discuss.

4. Any Other Business

Commonwealth Secretariat Conference

The Chairman noted that the Commonwealth Secretariat will be hosting an event, 'Tackling Corruption Together: A Conference for Civil Society, Business and Government Leaders' in London on 11 May 2016 and that an invitation had been extended to the Commission. The Chairman will not be able to attend this event, but recommended that a representative of either the Commission for Standards in Public Life or the Anti-Corruption Commission should attend.

5. Action Items

Members were asked to:

- a. The Chairman is to update her notes on the March conference to include comments on Turks and Caicos and resubmit to the Secretariat for distribution and attachment to these minutes; and
- b. Members will review the draft SPL Regulations along with those from other jurisdictions which were previously circulated in order to engage in a discussion about the final content of the SPL Regulations at the upcoming extraordinary meeting.

6. Items to be discussed at the next meeting

- a. SPL 2014, SPL (Am) Bill and SPL (Regulations)
- b. Response to Procurement Legislation
- c. Meetings with Members of the Legislative Assembly
- d. Public Awareness and Public Education Opportunities

7. Next meeting

An extraordinary meeting to discuss the SPL Regulations will be held on Tuesday 19 April 2016 at 1:00pm. The date of the next ordinary meeting is to be determined.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24pm.



Rosie Whittaker-Myles
CHAIRMAN
COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE