

**COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE**  
**4<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF 2017**  
**MINUTES**  
**9 MAY 2017**  
**COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Rosie Whittaker-Myles	Chairman
	Sheenah Hislop	Member
	Pastor Shian O'Connor	Member

**SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sheila Alvarez	Administrator/Analyst, Commissions Secretariat
Lise Hurlstone	Administrator/Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

**1. Meeting called to order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:43pm. The Chairman thanked all for attending and opened the meeting with a prayer.

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 11 April 2017 were approved.

**3. Outstanding Business****a. Procurement Legislation**

The Commission was informed that the Secretariat followed up on 2 May 2017, but a response has not yet been received on a commencement date for the Procurement Law (2016) and the drafting of the Regulations. The Commission agreed that a response before the 2017 General Elections on 24 May was unlikely, and that continued follow-up emails would be deferred until after that date.

Members raised the recent publicly discussed procurement processes currently being undertaken by the Cayman Islands Government, and the tendering processes being utilised currently as the Procurement Law has not yet commenced. Further considerations/research will be undertaken in this regard.

**b. Standards in Public Life Regulations/Legislation**

Following a conversation with the Premier and discussions amongst members it was agreed that the matters related to the Standards in Public Life Regulations, commencement of the Law and concerns regarding any actions taken as it relates to s.20(3) of the Law, would be deferred until after the 2017 General Elections.

**c. Draft Ministerial Code of Conduct**

The Commission received, from the Secretariat, a tracked-changed document comparing the 2013 and 2017 versions of the Code, along with a commentary based on the feedback given

by the Commission on the Code in 2013, and reviewed them briefly. The Commission will continue to review these documents and comment further at the next meeting.

**d. Press Release re: CSPL Website**

The press release was finalised by the Chairman, and approved by members at the meeting to be released at the earliest convenience.

**e. Gender Equality Tribunal Findings**

A draft response to the Deputy Governor's correspondence was provided to the Chairman for review and her feedback was given. The Secretariat will amend the correspondence and forward it to the Chairman for final review.

**f. Public Authorities Bill, 2016**

The Commission provided its feedback on the Bill, noting in particular several areas of overlap between this Bill and the Standards in Public Life Law. The Commission therefore requested that the Secretariat draft correspondence to the Deputy Governor's Office, which put forward the Bill, to request clarification on the nature of the relationship his Office envisages between these two pieces of legislation.

**g. Twelfth Report of the Commission**

Members approved the draft Twelfth Report of the Commission. The report will be submitted for tabling at the next session of the Legislative Assembly, post-election.

**h. Cross Referencing of CIG Issued Documents**

This item was deferred until the next meeting as the Secretariat is continuing its research on this agenda item.

**i. Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies (CCAICACB) Conference 2017**

The Chairman attended The Third Annual Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies Conference ("CCAICACB") which was held at The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica on 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. She commented that the conference was an excellent opportunity for networking and learning about the issues and successes in other jurisdictions.

The Commission was updated that at the conference Cayman was added to the executive committee of the CCAICACB, and while next year's conference is planned to be held in Turks and Caicos, Cayman has been slated to host the conference in 2019. An online meeting of the CCAICACB executive committee is scheduled to be held on 22 June 2017 a representative of the Commission will be scheduled to attend.

The Chairman also noted the positive reception of an outreach initiative presented at the conference by the Jamaican delegation, and indicated that she would contact the Jamaica group to obtain further information on the initiative with a view to rolling out a similar initiative in Cayman.

**4. Any Other Business**

**a. Presentation Re: Commissions**

The Chairman noted the Manager has been asked to make a short presentation on each of the Commissions to the newly elected Ministers and Members of the Legislative Assembly after the 2017 General Elections. Each of the Chairmen have been informed of the session and invited to attend on 22 June 2017.

**b. Meeting with the Elections Observation Mission**

Following discussions with the Deputy Head of International Outreach with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association British Islands and Mediterranean Region Branch of the Elections Observation Mission, the Manager has arranged a meeting between the Mission and the Chairman of both this Commission as well as the Anti-Corruption Commission. The meeting will be held on 23 May 2017.

**5. Action List**

**Members were asked to:**

- a. Review the tracked changes made to the Ministerial Code of Conduct;
- b. Obtain the information regarding the Jamaican delegation's outreach referred to above (Chairman); and
- c. Consider attendance at the referenced meetings above.

**The Secretariat was asked to:**

- a. Release the press release re: re-developed website;
- b. Update the correspondence to the Deputy Governor clarifying the concerns of the Commission regarding the findings of the Gender Equality Tribunal;
- c. Draft correspondence regarding the Public Authorities Bill, 2016 as detailed above;
- d. Submit the approved Twelfth Report of the Commission for tabling in the Legislative Assembly as detailed above; and
- e. Continue to cross-reference the CIG-issued documents for consistency and compliance with relevant laws.

**6. Items to be discussed at the next meeting**

- a. Procurement Legislation
- b. Standards in Public Life Regulations/Legislation
- c. Ministerial Code of Conduct
- d. Gender Equality Tribunal Findings
- e. Public Authorities Bill, 2016
- f. Twelfth Report of the Commission
- g. Cross Referencing of the CIG Issued Documents

**7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 15 June 2017 at 2:30pm.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.



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**Rosie Whittaker-Myles**  
**CHAIRMAN**

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