

**COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE**  
**7<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF 2017**  
**MINUTES**  
**5 DECEMBER 2017**  
**COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

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

**SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deborah Bodden	Manager, Commissions Secretariat (in part)
Sheila Alvarez	Administrator/Analyst, Commissions Secretariat
Lise Hurlstone	Administrator/Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

**1. Meeting called to order and Prayer**

The meeting was called to order at 2:40pm. The Chairman thanked all for attending and opened the meeting with a prayer.

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 2 November 2017 were approved.

**3. Outstanding Business****a. Procurement Legislation - Commencement Date/Regulations**

No response has been received to the follow-up sent on 24 November 2017 inquiring on the status of the Procurement Legislation.

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

The meeting between the Honourable Premier and the Chairman, to discuss the Standards in Public Life Law and Regulations, did not occur due to a scheduling conflict. The Chairman provided dates for her availability over the next month, and a new meeting date is to be determined.

**c. Gender Equality Tribunal Findings**

A follow-up was sent to the Chief Officer of Human Resources, Immigration & Community Affairs on 28 November 2017 who in turn confirmed that the matter has been referred to the Internal Audit Unit whose report was expected in February 2018.

**d. Register of Interests - Inspection of Current Register/ Proposed Meeting with ROI Committee**

The Secretariat as asked to follow up with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly to schedule a date when members can view the Register of Interests and meet with the ROI Committee.

**e. Twelfth and Thirteenth Report of the Commission**

The Commission's Twelfth Report has now been tabled and is available on the website. The Thirteenth Report will be tabled in February 2018.

**f. Meeting with Members of Legislative Assembly**

Following an invitation to attend an orientation session with Members of the Legislative Assembly which was postponed in July 2017 the Secretariat emailed the Acting Director of Special Projects in the Cabinet Office to enquire as to whether there was any interest in Members meeting with the Commission; however a response has not yet been received.

**4. Meeting with the Ombudsman**

The Commission met with the newly appointed Ombudsman to introduce themselves and to discuss their respective roles and remits, and explore how they may work together in the future.

**5. Meeting with the Auditor General's Team**

The Commission facilitated a meeting with various members of the Office of the Auditor General (OAG), at their request. The purpose of the meeting was for the OAG to gather information on their current performance audit on 'Fighting corruption in the Cayman Islands'. The stated purpose of the audit 'is to assess the effectiveness of the mechanisms for preventing corruption at the national level and in the planning sector'. The Commission noted its main concern is that it currently has no powers due to the lack of a commencement date for the Standards in Public Life Law and the delay in finalising Regulations. As such, the Commission cannot receive declarations.

**6. Any Other Business**

Members were informed by the Chairman that the next meeting date for the CCAICACB is Thursday, 14 December 2017. Due to a conflicting schedule, however, the Chairman advised that she is unable to attend that meeting. She noted, however, that she will share the minutes of the meeting once they are made available.

**7. Action List**

**The Secretariat was asked to:**

- a. Continue to follow-up with the Minister of Finance on the Procurement Legislation concerns;
- b. Liaise with the Honourable Premier to set up a meeting regarding the Standards in Public Life Law/Regulations;
- c. Follow-up with the Clerk of the LA to set up a meeting with the ROI Committee and to review the current ROI concurrently; and
- d. Follow-up with the invitation for all MLAs to meet with the Commission.

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

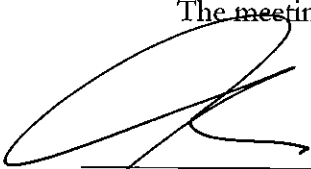
- a. Procurement Legislation
- b. Standards in Public Life Regulations/Legislation
- c. Inspection of Current Register
- d. Proposed Meeting with ROI Committee

9. **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 10 January 2017 at 2:30pm.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12pm.



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**Rosie Whittaker-Myles**

**CHAIRMAN**

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