

COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
5th MEETING OF 2018
MINUTES
4 JULY 2018
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

PRESENT: Rosie Whittaker-Myles	Chairman
Pastor Shian O'Connor	Member
Sheenah Hislop	Member

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

1. Meeting called to order and Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 2:46pm. The Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting was opened with a prayer.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 12 June 2018 were approved.

3. Outstanding Business

a. Chairman's Meeting with His Excellency (and the Standards in Public Life (SPL) Regulations/Legislation)

The meeting with His Excellency the Governor, the purpose of which was to introduce His Excellency to the Chairman, the Commission's affairs and its current issues, has been postponed until further notice. This is pending the outcome of the matter for which the Governor was called away to the UK.

b. Register of Interests (ROI) – Response from the ROI Committee

The Commission continues to await a substantive response from the ROI Committee and will continue to follow up on the matter.

c. Gender Equality Tribunal (GET) Report/Findings

Members discussed their feedback on the Internal Audit Unit's (IAU) report on the GET's findings and agreed on the queries to be drafted into a formal letter to CO Howell. Additionally, the Chairman wished to make a request to have sight of a document cited in the report.

d. Miller Calls for Action Against Chief Officer Ahearn

The Chairman approved the draft correspondence to the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, Mr. D. Ezzard Miller (the “Hon. Opposition Leader”) requesting any additional information on the matter. Additionally, members noted articles in the media dated 27 June 2018, one from the Cayman Compass titled “House Speaker blocks attempt to bring perjury charge against civil servant”, describing the latest updates in the Hon. Opposition Leader’s call for action against CO Ahearn.

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

Members discussed the progress made on exploring the viability of Cayman hosting the 2019 CCAICACB Conference, including the Chairman and Secretariat Manager’s teleconference with Dr. Koranteng of the Commonwealth Secretariat. The Manager is in the process of drafting a schedule for the conference and continues to explore budget options for the Commission’s review.

The Chairman also noted that with the demission of Mr. Eugene Otuonye, (Turks & Caicos) past Chairman from office at the end of June, 2018 and the progression to the office by Mr. Dirk Harrison (Jamaica), she was elected as Vice President of the CCAICACB Executive Committee as of 1 July 2018 through to the Association’s next elections expected in 2019.

4. New Business

a. Education

Prior to the meeting the Chairman had circulated information on a United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) anti-corruption educational programme named Education for Justice (E4J). The programme provides materials to support the integration of ethics and corruption-prevention materials into primary, secondary and tertiary curricula, as well as for use in extra-curricular activities such as the Model United Nations programme.

Members were enthusiastic about the programme and agreed to begin outreach to various stakeholders to explore the viability of implementing the programme in some capacity in Cayman.

5. Any Other Business

Members noted an article in the Cayman Compass dated 2 July 2018 titled “2 years later, disclosure rules still not in place” which focused on the Commission’s recently published fourteenth report and the Government’s delay in putting the Standards in Public Life Law, 2014, and its 2016 amendment, into effect.

6. Action Items

The Secretariat was asked to:

- a. Continue to follow up with the ROI Committee for a substantive response;

- b. Draft correspondence to CO Howell re queries of the GET findings;
- c. Request the document identified above regarding the GET findings;
- d. Send approved correspondence to Mr Miller regarding the CO Ahearn matter;
- e. Continue to draft a schedule and explore budget options for Cayman hosting the CCAICACB Conference in 2019;
- f. Support the Commission's efforts to reach out to stakeholders with the E4J programme as needed; and
- g. Liaise with members on their availability for the next meeting.

The Chairman was asked to:

- a. Confirm with UNDOC that E4J resources can be shared with stakeholders in Cayman.

Members were asked to:

- a. Assist in reaching out to stakeholders regarding the E4J programme.

7. Items to be discussed at the next meeting

- a. Register of Interests – Response from the ROI Committee;
- b. Gender Equality Tribunal (GET) Report/Findings;
- c. Response from Honourable Opposition Leader and Chairman of the PAC Re: CO Ahearn;
- d. 2019 CCAICACB Conference; and
- e. Education for Justice Programme.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting date will be determined by round-robin email pending members' availability over the summer.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.



Rosie Whittaker-Myles

CHAIRMAN

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