

**COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE**  
**1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF 2019**  
**MINUTES**  
**14 JANUARY 2019**  
**COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

<b>PRESENT:</b> Rosie Whittaker-Myles	Chairman
Sheenah Hislop	Member
Isatou Smith	Member

**SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deborah Bodden	Manager, Commissions Secretariat (via telephone)
Sheila Alvarez	Administrator/Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

**1. Meeting called to order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:10pm. 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 22 November 2018 were approved.

**3. Outstanding Business**

**a. The Standards in Public Life (SPL) Legislation (commencement date and Regulations)**

Members were updated on matters discussed at the meeting held on 29 November, 2018 with the Chairman, Manager of the Secretariat and His Excellency the Governor. Among items discussed was the need for the Standards in Public Life Law and the Amendment Law (the "Law") to be brought into effect. There were some discussions regarding the reasons offered for the delay, including the resistance by some persons serving on Boards, to filing declarations which, may well be based on a lack of understanding of the declaration requirements set out under the Law. His Excellency the Governor indicated his desire to ensure the SPL is brought into effect and undertook to discuss the matter with the Honourable Premier regarding commencement of the Law.

It was agreed that a public education campaign will need to be undertaken once the Government agrees a way forward.

The Manager advised that following the meeting with His Excellency the Governor, she was updated by the Office of the Governor that the Honourable Premier has committed to ensuring the commencement of the Law and the drafting of Regulations. No specific timeframe was indicated. The Commission restated its willingness and ability to assist in any way possible in bringing the Law into effect and looks forward to receiving further updates from the Offices of the Governor and the Premier.

## **b. Education**

The Chairman advised that she has thoroughly reviewed the primary and secondary E4J programme online resource links and noted that many of the resources address issues on bullying. That being said, the onus will be on school officials to consider the content and determine which modules are appropriate for introduction, particularly in the primary and secondary schools. A follow-up letter to school officials will be sent to advise that of the availability of resources.

Members also agreed to continue its outreach to the private schools and to the Home School Association over the next few months. Member Sheenah Hislop will follow-up with the principal of St. Ignatius Catholic School and Member Isatou Smith will approach Montessori by the Sea regarding the programme. The Secretariat will schedule a meeting with the Director of the Truman Bodden Law School, after 17 January, as agreed in the last Commission meeting to discuss the programme, particularly the module dealing with Ethics for university students.

The Chairman commented on the notes submitted by UCCI Lecturer, Dr Livingston Smith, detailing his attendance to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Expert Workshop for university lecturers from Latin America and the Caribbean, on 18 to 19 October 2018 which had been facilitated through the office of the Secretariat. In order to share the learning experience with the International College of the Cayman Islands, a request had been made through the Secretariat with Dr Smith on 11 December 2018 to seek additional information on how best to integrate the modules into teaching. It was agreed that a further follow-up by the Secretariat with Dr Smith was necessary.

## **c. CCAICACB Conference**

The Commission was informed that to date, the Secretariat has received responses from six member countries to attend the Fifth Annual Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies (CCAICACB) Conference which is due to be held in Grand Cayman during the week of 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The Secretariat will continue to follow-up with those delegates who have not yet responded. Additional logistical arrangements are now being advanced such as the final agenda, securing speakers and other remaining details.

## **4. Any Other Business**

### **a. Terms of Appointment**

The Commission was informed that His Excellency was currently consulting with the Leader of the Opposition and the Premier on extensions for the Chairman and Member Sheenah Hislop from 1 February 2019 to 31 December 2019. It is expected that these will be finalised in the next few days.

### **b. Ministerial Code of Conduct**

The Secretariat was asked to follow-up once again with the Cabinet Secretary on the status of the draft Code.

### **c. Fighting Corruption in the Cayman Islands Report (“the Report”)**

The Office of the Auditor General’s (“the OAG”) published its Report on 11 January. The Report is currently being considered by the Public Accounts Committee and the Chairman

has been summoned to answer questions on 30 January 2019. Not all Members had sight of the article and the report prior to the meeting so the same will be circulated by the Secretariat via email.

**d. Request by the Media**

Members were informed that the Chairman has been contacted by a member of the media for comments on the Report of the OAG. The media outlet is seeking the Commission's feedback on the progress of implementing the Law, or the lack thereof. It was agreed that the Chairman would proceed with attendance before the PAC prior to meeting with the media. It was agreed that the development of a 'Fact Sheet' during the public education campaign discussed earlier would also provide a basis for the media to gain a better understanding of the Law when reporting.

**5. Action Items**

**The Commission was asked to:**

- a. Meet with any stakeholders re: the E4J Programme;
- b. Attend the PAC Hearing (Chairman); and
- c. Communicate with the media representative re: interview request (Chairman).

**The Secretariat was asked to:**

- a. Draft correspondence re the E4J programme (to previously contacted schools re: the advancements and to private and home school associations);
- b. Arrange the meeting with the Director of the TBLS;
- c. Follow-up with Dr Smith regarding the Commission's request for more specific information as noted above;
- d. Circulate the media article and OAG's report to Members for consideration;
- e. Continue to make arrangements for the CCAICACB Conference;
- f. Follow-up with the re-appointments as detailed above;
- g. Follow-up with the Cabinet Secretary re: Ministerial Code of Conduct; and
- h. Circulate copies of the documents related to the OAG Report.

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

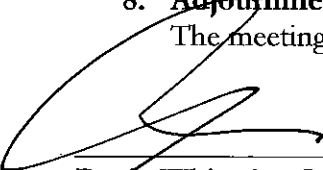
- a. SPL Legislation and Regulations (commencement date and Regulations)
- b. Education
- c. CCAICACB Conference
- d. Ministerial Code of Conduct

**7. Next meeting**

The next meeting date will be held on 13 February at 2:00pm.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28pm.



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Rosie Whittaker-Myles

CHAIRMAN

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