

**COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF 2019**  
**MINUTES**  
**13 FEBRUARY 2019**  
**COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

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

**SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Sheila Alvarez | Administrator/Analyst, Commissions Secretariat |
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**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 14 January 2019 were approved.

**3. Outstanding Business**

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

Members were updated that the Chairman’s attendance before the Public Accounts Committee (“the PAC”) has been rescheduled for 28 February. The Chairman was summoned to appear before the PAC to answer questions arising from the Auditor General’s Report “Fighting Corruption in the Cayman Islands”. Members were asked to review the latest PAC video hearing, held on 30 January (available at <https://caymannewsservice.com/2019/01/ethics-law-another-review/>), so that enquiries can then be made to the Office of the Premier in an effort to bring the SPL legislation and Regulations into effect.

**b. Education**

Members were informed that the proposed meeting between the Chairman and the Director of the Truman Bodden Law School (“the TBLS”) regarding the ‘Education 4 Justice’ (E4J) Programme is to be determined. As agreed in the last meeting, the Commission will continue its outreach to the private schools and to the Home School Association over the next few months. The Secretariat will assist by disseminating the letters to the relevant schools.

The Secretariat continues to follow-up with the University College of the Cayman Islands (“the UCCI”) Lecturer, Dr Livingston Smith, for additional information on how best to integrate the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Expert Workshop modules into teaching, based on his attendance at the Workshop held in Colombia to allow information sharing with the International College of the Cayman Islands (“the ICCI”).

The Commission discussed the student Ethics Challenge that is being launched on Thursday, 14 February at the UCCI, and sponsored by local accounting firm Ernst & Young. The Chairman indicated that she plans to attend the opening presentation as the initiative complements the Commission's education plan for the E4J Programme. Member Sheenah Hislop agreed to liaise with representatives from Ernst & Young to discuss the E4J Programme to determine whether there can be collaboration between the Commission and Ernst & Young on this initiative.

**c. CCAICACB Conference**

The Commission was informed that the Secretariat has now received responses from ten 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 – 7 June 2019.

Members noted the recent confirmation of the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, Rt. The Hon. Patricia Scotland, QC, to attend the Conference. Members were further informed that the CCAICACB Chairman, Mr. Dirk Harrison, has extended an invitation to Ms. Candice Welsh, Chief Implementation Support Section of UNODC, to deliver a presentation on recent Commentary on the Jakarta Principles for Anti-corruption Agencies at the Conference. It was agreed that it is necessary for Members and the Secretariat staff to meet next week in order to finalise the remaining logistical arrangements and details for the Conference.

**d. Terms of Appointment**

The Commission was informed that appointment extensions for the Chairman and Member Sheenah Hislop have been approved from 1 February 2019 to 31 December 2019.

**e. Ministerial Code of Conduct**

The Secretariat will continue to follow-up with the Cabinet Secretary on the status of the draft Ministerial Code of Conduct.

**f. Fighting Corruption in the Cayman Islands Report ("the Report")**

The Commission discussed the Office of the Auditor General's ("the OAG") Report published on 11 January and agreed it had no further comments.

**g. Request by the Media**

Members were informed that the Chairman will respond to the media outlet which is seeking the Commission's comments on the Report of the OAG subsequent to her attendance before the PAC on 28 February (as noted in 3. a. above).

**4. Any Other Business**

The Chairman discussed the possibility of launching a school essay competition on ethics and integrity leading up to the CCAICACB Conference in June. It is envisaged that the topic will relate to the Conference theme: *"Transforming Words into Action: Revitalising the Fight against Corruption"*. The Secretariat was asked to contact the Department of Education Services ("the DES") to enquire about the curriculum for the current school year in order to determine whether students would be able to participate in the proposed competition.

**5. Action Items**

**The Commission was asked to:**

- a. Review the PAC video hearing of 30 January re: the SPL Legislation and Regulations;
- b. Attend the PAC Hearing on 28 February (Chairman);
- c. Meet with any stakeholders re: the E4J Programme;
- d. Finalise the logistical arrangements for the CCAICACB Conference; and
- e. Communicate with the media representative re: interview request subsequent to the PAC hearing on 28 February (Chairman).

**The Secretariat was asked to:**

- a. Draft correspondence re: the E4J programme to the private schools and Home School Association;
- b. Continue to follow-up with Dr Smith re: the Commission's request for more specific information as noted above;
- c. Communicate with the DES to enquire about the current public school curriculum and the feasibility of the students being able to participate in an essay competition as detailed above;
- d. Continue to make arrangements for the CCAICACB Conference; and
- e. Follow-up with the Cabinet Secretary re: Ministerial Code of Conduct.

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

- a. CCAICACB Conference

**7. Next meeting**

The next meeting date will be held on 18 February at 2:30pm wherein the Commission will primarily discuss logistical arrangements for the CCAICACB Conference, as agreed in 3. c. above.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.



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Rosie Whittaker-Myles

CHAIRMAN

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