

MINUTES
#2 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
15 MARCH 2010
CONFERENCE ROOM
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

PRESENT:	Karin Thompson	Chair
	Pastor Winston Rose	Member
	Nyda Mae Flatley	Member
	Roy McTaggart	Member
	Hedley Robinson	Member
	Deborah Bodden	Manager, Commissions Secretariat
	Laura Jackson	Analyst, Commissions Secretariat
	Jason Webster	Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

APOLOGIES: N/A

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm. Pastor Rose recited a prayer and the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes (15 February 2010 meeting).

The minutes of the previous meeting here approved following the request for a correction to the spelling of Mrs. Nyda Mae Flatley's name.

3. Matters arising from minutes

a. Quorum

- i. The Commission agreed the quorum for meetings will be three persons minimum.

b. Register of Interests

- i. The Chair circulated a draft register of interest declaration form that she had created for review.
- ii. The Commission noted that although the Register of Interests Law 1996 contains a declaration form set out in schedule 2, this prescribed form only applies to the members of the Legislative Assembly and those other persons specified. Therefore the form does not apply to register of interests to be maintained by the Commission because it must cover a wider range of individuals i.e. those falling within the scope of public office as provided for in s. 121 of the Constitution.
- iii. The Commission recognized that at this time, there is neither a law in force that requires the majority of public officers to make declarations nor sanctions in place for non-disclosure. The Commission recognizes that it is not within its power to create enabling legislation and would have to rely wholly on the Legislative Assembly to approve the law.
- iv. Therefore in order to accelerate this process the Commission agreed to establish a link with the Legal Department to obtain the necessary legislative drafting assistance.

- v. The Commission also agreed further consideration will have to be made to the proposed draft declaration form with particular regard to the express wording contained in s. 121(2) of the Constitution namely "any other person connected with him or her".
- vi. The Commission decided to individually review the draft register of interests declaration form after the meeting and provide comments with the goal to finalize this form at the next scheduled meeting.
- vii. The Commission charged the Secretariat with obtaining a copy of the most recent register of interest's form being utilized under the Register of Interests Law 1996.

4. New Business

a. Budget

The Chair confirmed she attended a meeting with the Manager of the Commissions Secretariat and the Chairpersons for the Human Rights Commission and the Constitutional Commission. One of the items discussed was the limited resources of the budget shared by the Commissions. All Chairpersons agreed to work together to use the budget as effectively as possibly.

b. Logo

Due to the limited resources the Commission decided not to contract a firm to create a logo as originally planned. Alternatively, the Commission will be approaching various schools across Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac to elicit participation in a logo competition. Due to the nature of the Commission's mandate, an older school population will targeted.

c. Remuneration of Members

- i. The Chair stated she will not be accepting any remuneration during her tenure with the Commission.
- ii. Each additional member of the Commission is required to inform the Manager of the Commissions Secretariat of their decision on accepting or declining the emolument offered for their service.

5. Any other business

a. Stakeholder Meetings

- i. On behalf of the Commission, the Chair confirmed her attendance at a meeting with HE Governor on April 28 2010.
- ii. The Commission requested that the following meetings be scheduled with key stakeholders; the Deputy Governor, the President of the Cayman Islands Civil Service Association, the Chairman of the Register of Interest Committee, the Information Commissioner and the Chairman of the Central Tenders Committee.
- iii. The Secretariat was requested to make contact the Chairman of the Central Tenders Committee to schedule this meeting first.

b. Letter to the Deputy Governor

- i. The Chair circulated a copy of the letter sent to the Deputy Governor requesting that any future draft legislation that will affect the Commission's mandate be given early in the drafting stage for the CSPL's review.

6. Items to be discussed at next meeting

- i. Draft register of interest declaration form.
- ii. Summaries of Chair's meetings with key stakeholders.
- iii. The public servants code of conduct and the public service values per the PSML (2007 Revision).

7. Action List


- i. The Commission has asked for the assistance of the Secretariat in providing input into the draft register of interests.
- ii. The Commission is charged with informing the Secretariat regarding remuneration for the tenure of their appointment.
- iii. The Chair is scheduled to attend a meeting with HE Governor and the Chairpersons of the Human Rights Commission and the Constitutional Commission on 28 April, 2010.
- iv. The Secretariat is tasked with scheduling a meeting with the Chairman from the Central Tenders Committee.

8. Next meeting

- v. It was agreed the next meeting will be held on 19 April, 2010 at 2:30 pm in the Commissions Secretariat boardroom.

9. Adjournment

- i. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.



Mrs. Karin Thompson

CHAIR

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