

**12th MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
31 AUGUST 2022 @ 12:00PM
MINUTES
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

PRESENT:	Dr. Sonia Bush	Chairman
	Isatou Smith	Member
	Keith Blake	Member (via Zoom until 2:08pm)
	J. Rosalie Twohey	Member (via Zoom)

APOLOGIES:	Richard Addlestone	Member
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COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marilyn Conolly	Manager
Sheila Watler	Administrator/Analyst
Megan Ramnarine	Administrative Officer

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:45pm.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The 8 June 2022 and 27 June 2022 minutes were approved with minor amendments. The Secretariat will amend both sets of draft minutes and the finalised versions will be circulated to Members.

3. Outstanding Business**a. Annual Report**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

b. Amendments to SPL Act and Regs**i. SPL Amendment Bill, 2022**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

ii. SPL Amendment Regulations

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

c. Correspondence from the Constitutional Commission regarding Cabinet Manual**i. Published Cabinet Manual**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

ii. Draft Response letter to Constitutional Commission Chairman

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

iii. Draft Letter to Cabinet Secretary

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

d. Parliamentary Code of Conduct

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

e. Elections Observer's Report

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

f. CSPL Policies and Procedures

i. Leaked report from Office of the Auditor General and MITAMA

The Chairman reviewed the following draft letters (prepared by the Secretariat following the last meeting) and had further queries prior to final approval:-

- i. Correspondence to His Excellency the Governor regarding the status of the investigation; and
- ii. Correspondence to the Hon. Attorney General to seek clarification on the remit of the Commission.

ii. CSPL and Procurement Procedures

Members reviewed and approved the draft letter to the Director of the Central Procurement Office to enquire about various exclusions identified on their website.

iii. Port Authority Director Appointment

Members reviewed and approved the draft letter to the Chair of the Port Authority Board to enquire about recent appointments.

iv. National Housing Development Trust Allegations

Members noted that a press release was posted on the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) website stating that it has referred a file to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in relation to the National Housing Development Trust. Therefore, the CSPL will refrain from exploring this further. The matter is now closed.

g. Register of Interests

i. Letter to the Hon. Attorney General Re Judges and Magistrates

Members reviewed and approved the draft letter for issuance to the Hon. Attorney General, regarding the responsibilities of the Judiciary, with minor changes.

ii. Advice in relation to Draft Correspondence to the AG Re: Concern raised regarding the AMMSG

Members discussed the legal advice received. It was agreed to write to the relevant party to inform them that based on their role they are exempted from filing a declaration of interest at this time. The Secretariat will prepare the draft correspondence which will be circulated via email to Members for comment.

iii. 2022 ROI Submissions

Members discussed this item and agreed to defer it for the next meeting.

h. Data Protection Training

The Chairman noted the aforementioned training for members that was arranged for 24 May 2022 was subsequently cancelled due to conflicts in members' schedules. The Secretariat will reschedule the said training in due course.

i. 8th Annual CCAICACB Conference

Members discussed this item which had no further action. The matter is now closed.

j. Chairman's Meeting with His Excellency the Governor

Members discussed this item which had no further action. The matter is now closed.

4. New Business

a. Notice of Interest vs Register of Interest

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

b. Accusations of breach of Ministerial Code of Conduct

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

5. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

6. Next meeting

The next regular meeting will be held during the week of 12 September 2022. The Secretariat will confirm the meeting date with Members, via email.

7. Action Items

The Secretariat:

- a) Circulate the revised draft minutes of 8 and 27 June 2022 to Members as detailed in item 2. above;
- b) Revise and issue all approved correspondence to the relevant parties as noted above; and
- c) Reschedule the Data Protection Training for Members as detailed in item c. above.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:34pm.



Dr. Sonia Bush
CHAIRMAN
COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE