

**16<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE  
24 OCTOBER 2022 @ 10:00AM  
MINUTES  
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

**PRESENT:** Dr. Sonia Bush Chairman  
Isatou Smith Member  
Keith Blake Member (via Zoom)

**APOLOGIES:** J. Rosalie Twohey Member

**COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
Jackelin Connolly Administrative Officer

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:06am.

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of 30 September 2022 were approved subject to approval from previous Commission member. The 3 October 2022 minutes were approved with minor amendments. The Secretariat will amend the draft minutes and the finalised version will be circulated to Members.

**3. Outstanding Business**

**a. Annual Report (22<sup>nd</sup> CSPL Report)**

Members approved the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual report subject to minor changes.

**b. Update on Amendments to SPL Act and Regs**

Members were updated on this item and discussed the limitations in powers when the Nolan Principles are breached. Members discussed the response from the Senior Legislative Counsel at the Attorney General Chambers and asked the Secretariat to draft correspondence with questions that were raised.

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

Members were updated on the letter sent to the Chairman of the Constitutional Commission and agreed to close this item as no further action is required by the Commission.

**d. CSPL Policies and Procedures**

**i. Lateral Flow Tests/ Procurement Procedures**

Members noted the correspondence sent to the Director of Central Procurement, on 19 October 2022, regarding the Auditor General’s Report titled “Review of

*Procedures of Lateral Flow Tests*” and asked the Secretariat to send a follow up by 15 November 2022.

**ii. Port Authority Director Appointment**

Members were updated on the response received from the Chairman of the Port Authority and agreed to request an update on the status of their recommendations. The Secretariat will follow-up by 15 November 2022.

**e. Update re Parliamentary Code of Conduct**

Members discussed this item and noted the implications the CSPL face due to the delay in publishing the Code of Conduct. Members asked the Secretariat to draft a follow-up letter to the Premier’s Office and circulate the letter for Member’s approval.

**f. Elections Observer’s Report**

Members discussed this item and asked the Secretariat to follow-up with the Elections Office regarding the status of the submission to Caucus.

**g. United Nations Education for Justice (E4J) Programme**

Members discussed the referenced programme and asked the Secretariat to circulate a summary of the programme for Members consideration. Members noted Ms Shari Welcome’s assistance with the Commission over the past 2 years and wished her well in her future endeavours. Members agreed to defer this item to the next regular meeting.

**h. Register of Interests**

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

Members were updated on this item and expressed their thanks for the detailed advice received from the Attorney General’s Chambers. Members asked the Secretariat to draft a response letter and close this item as there is no further action required by the Commission.

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

Members were updated on the letter sent to the enquirer and agreed to close this item as no further action is required by the Commission.

**iii. 2022 ROI Submissions**

Members were updated on the handling of ROI submissions for the period 01-JUL-2021 to 30-JUN-2022. Members raised questions surrounding the ROI portal and noted that there was a decrease in the number of declarations filed. Members asked the Secretariat to enquire of additional features that will enhance user experience.

**4. New Business**

**a. Public Enquiry**

Following the CSPL’s media statement dated 4 October 2022 titled “Commission Statement on the Allegations Made Against the Honourable Speaker”, Members discussed an enquiry received from the public. The Secretariat followed up with this

enquirer to offer assistance; however, there has been no response from this person since. Members resolved that the Secretariat should inform the enquirer that they can submit a formal complaint if they wish to do so.

**5. Any Other Business**

Members and the Secretariat acknowledged Mr Richard Addlestone's resignation on 10 October 2022 (effective immediately) and thanked him for his tenure and contributions to the CSPL. Members also noted Ms Isatou Smith upcoming end of term in 31 October 2022. Members thanked Ms Smith for her invaluable role as she has been the longest serving member of the CSPL and wished her well in her future endeavours.

**6. Next meeting**

The next meeting date will be agreed via round robin email.

**7. Action Items**

**The Secretariat:**

- a) Make amendments to the 3 October 2022 minutes and circulate for member's approval as outlined in item 2. above;
- b) Make amendments to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report as stated in item 3.a. above;
- c) Draft a response to the Senior Legislative Counsel at the Attorney General Chambers as outlined in item 3.b. above;
- d) Follow-up to the Director of Central Procurement as detailed in item 3.d.i. above;
- e) Follow-up to the Port Authority Director as detailed in item 3.d.ii. above;
- f) Draft correspondence to the Premier's office as outlined in item 3.e. above;
- g) Follow-up with the Elections Office as detailed in item 3.f. above;
- h) Circulate programme summary to members via email as noted in item 3.g. above;
- i) Draft correspondence to the Attorney General Chambers as outlined in item 3.h.i. above;
- j) Enquire of additional features to ROI portal as stated in item 3.h.ii. above; and
- k) Inform enquirer of available resources to deal with concerns on public officials as detailed in item 4.a. above.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:54am.



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**Dr. Sonia Bush**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE**