

COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
1st MEETING OF 2022
MINUTES
26 JANUARY 2022

PRESENT:

Dr. Sonia Bush	Chairman
Isatou Smith	Member
Richard Addlestone	Member
Keith Blake	Member
J. Rosalie Twohey	Member

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marilyn Conolly	Manager, Secretariat
Lise Hurlstone	Research Analyst
Jackelin Connolly	Administrative Officer (In Part)
Derricka Neysmith	Administrative Officer
Megan Ramnarine	Administrative Officer

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting commenced at 10:35 am and the Chairman wished all a Happy New Year.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Due to the delayed circulation of the previous sets of minutes members requested additional time for review. It was agreed for confirmation to be done at the next meeting, which is to be held on 2 February 2022.

3. Outstanding Business

a. CSPL Code of Conduct

Commission members discussed the changes made to the Code of Conduct document at the meeting on 15 July 2021. It was agreed that Section j. on Remedies could be rephrased slightly. The Secretariat will prepare a draft and member Richard Addlestone agreed to review it prior to circulation to all members for their final review of approval.

b. Amendments to SPL Act and SPL Regs

The Secretariat and Chairman updated the Commission on a meeting held on 26 October 2021 to discuss the proposed amendments to the SPL Act and Regulations. In attendance at the meeting was the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, the Senior Legislative

Counsel, the Chairman, member Keith Blake, the Secretariat Manager and the Secretariat Research Analyst. After the meeting the Senior Legislative Counsel sent a written update to the proposed amendments, along with some queries and comments, on 12 November 2021. The Commission discussed this latest document and agreed for the Secretariat to draft a response to the Senior Legislative Counsel. It was also agreed that the Secretariat would update the CSPL's internal administrative procedures for the handling of the Register and review with the Chairman prior to circulating to all members for approval.

- c. Ministerial Code of Conduct**
Due to insufficient time, this item was not able to be addressed and members agreed for it to be raised at the next meeting.
 - d. CSPL Work Plan**
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 - e. Election's Observers Report**
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 - f. OfReg Matter**
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 - g. Correspondence from the Constitutional Commission**
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 - h. Anti-Corruption Commission Liaising**
Due to insufficient time, this item was not able to be addressed and members agreed for it to be raised at the next meeting.
 - i. Summary of Register of Interests Submissions for 2021**
Due to insufficient time, this item was not able to be addressed and members agreed for it to be raised at the next meeting.
 - j. Request for Code of Conduct Presentation**
Due to insufficient time, this item was not able to be addressed and members agreed for it to be raised at the next meeting.
- 4. New Business**
- a. Summary of Register of Interests Submissions for 2021**
Due to insufficient time, this item was not able to be addressed and members agreed for it to be raised at the next meeting.

b. Request for Code of Conduct Presentation

Due to insufficient time, this item was not able to be addressed and members agreed for it to be raised at the next meeting.

5. Complaints

a. CSPL Complaint 001/2021

Due to insufficient time, this item was not able to be addressed and members agreed for it to be raised at the next meeting.

b. CSPL Complaint 002/2021

Due to insufficient time, this item was not able to be addressed and members agreed for it to be raised at the next meeting.

6. Any other Business

No other business was discussed.

7. Action Items

Members:

- Member Richard Addlestone will review the redrafted section of the Code of Conduct once prepared by the Secretariat; and
- The Chairman would review the updated administrative procedures for handling the Register of Interests once prepared by the Secretariat.

Secretariat Staff:

- Upload approved minutes dated 15 July 2021, 22 July 2021, 23 July 2021 and 16 August 2021 to CSPL website;
- Draft amendments to section j. on Remedies of the Draft Code of Conduct and distribute to member Richard Addlestone for review prior to circulation to all members;
- Draft response to the Attorney General's office with additional feedback on the amendments to the SPL Act discussed by members; and
- Update the CSPL's internal administrative procedures for handling the Register of Interests and review with the Chairman prior to circulating to all members for approval.

8. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Ministerial Code of Conduct
- b. CSPL Work Plan
- c. Election's Observers Report
- d. OfReg Matter
- e. Correspondence from the Constitutional Commission
- f. Anti-Corruption Commission Liaising
- g. Summary of Register of Interests Submissions for 2021

- h. Request for Code of Conduct Presentation
- i. CSPL Complaint 001/2021
- j. CSPL Complaint 002/2021

9. Next meeting

Items that remained unaddressed at this meeting were agreed to be discussed at the next meeting to be held on 2 February 2022 at 2:00 pm via Zoom.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm.



Dr. Sonia Bush

CHAIRMAN

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