

AGENDA
8th MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
12th MAY 2022 @ 10:00AM
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

PRESENT:	Dr. Sonia Bush	Chairman
	Keith Blake	Member
	Isatou Smith	Member
	J. Rosalie Twohey	Member (In Part)

APOLOGIES:	Richard Addlestone	Member
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COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marilyn Conolly	Manager
Shari Welcome	Public Relations and Education Coordinator
Derricka Neysmith	Administrative Officer
Megan Ramnarine	Administrative Officer (In Part)

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am. The Chairman congratulated the Secretariat on the office move.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Members agreed that subject to minor changes to the previous minutes dated 6th April 2022 and 19 April 2022, the minutes will be approved via round-robin email.

3. Outstanding Business

a. Amendments to SPL Act

The agreed changes to the SPL Act were sent to the Senior Legislative Counsel for review on 12 May 2022.

b. Amendments to SPL Regs

Members agreed to schedule an extraordinary meeting to discuss this matter.

c. Parliamentary Code of Conduct

The Secretariat will follow up with the Clerk of the Parliament regarding the status of the Parliamentary Code of Conduct.

d. Elections Observers Report

The Secretariat will follow up with the Elections Office regarding the status of the submission to Caucus as noted in the correspondence from the Supervisor of the Elections.

e. Register of Interests (ROI)

i. Register of Interests Submissions for 2021

The Secretariat noted that telephone calls to persons with outstanding declarations for the 2020-2021 declaration period were still in progress. The Manager noted that an outstanding declarant had a positive experience with the Office Administrator regarding assistance that was provided with the ROI portal and their submission.

The Manager recused herself due to a perceived conflict of interest with a query from an outstanding declarant regarding their requirement to file a declaration for an ex-officio role under an entity that they do not consider to fall under Schedule 1 of the SPL Act. Members agreed to seek legal advice from the Attorney General's Chambers regarding this matter and similar instances. The Secretariat will draft the relevant correspondence.

ii. Letter to the Attorney General Re Judges and Magistrates

Members discussed the Hon. Attorney General's letter of 11 April 2022 and asked the Secretariat to conduct research on other jurisdictions that have precedents for the Judiciary to declare their interests. The Secretariat will seek additional advice from the Hon. Attorney General regarding the precedent referenced in his correspondence.

iii. 2022 ROI Portal Updates

The Secretariat updated members on the status of the 2022 ROI portal upgrades noting various aspects are being tested by the Computer Services Department and that a communication plan will be circulated in due course.

f. Query Regarding Investigative Powers of the CSPL

The Secretariat will follow-up indicating that if no response is received from the individual by 1st June 2022, the query will be considered closed.

g. Correspondence from the Constitutional Commission regarding Cabinet Manual

Members agreed to schedule an extraordinary meeting to discuss this matter.

h. Memorandum of Understanding with the Anti-Corruption Commission

Members agreed to table this item for the subsequent regular meeting.

i. Functions of the Commission

- i. Leaked report from Office of the Auditor General and MITAMA**
- ii. CSPL and Procurement Procedures**
- iii. Port Authority Director Appointment**
- iv. National Housing Development Trust Allegations**

Members will consider reviewing and amending the Commission's Policies and Procedures as an avenue to determine how to handle matters raised in the press. The Secretariat will circulate the CSPL policies and procedures document to better address the abovementioned issues in the press and determine the way forward. Members agreed to table this item and the abovementioned press articles for an extraordinary meeting.

j. Complaints

i. CSPL Complaint 001/2021

The Secretariat will contact the Cayman Turtle Centre to request the Register of Directors.

ii. CSPL Complaint 002/2021

The complainant decided to withdraw the complaint. This matter is now considered closed.

4. New Business

a. Reassignment of Home Affairs

Members agreed this matter will be discussed at the extraordinary meeting in which the Commission Policies and Procedures and other press articles will be tabled.

5. Any Other Business

a. Annual Report

Members agreed to review the annual report and give feedback by 13 May 2022 for final approval.

b. Annual Leave

Members and the Secretariat noted various annual leaves for the upcoming months.

c. 8th Annual CCAICACB Conference

Members discussed the conference and the Secretariat will obtain more information for the Chairman's consideration.

6. Next meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 31 August at 12pm.

7. Action Items

Members:

- a) Review and give feedback on the draft CSPL Twenty-First Report by 2pm, 13 May 2022;

- b) Review the latest version of the draft Amendments to SPL Regulation for the extraordinary meeting scheduled for 23 May 2022;
- c) Review the documents regarding the Cabinet Manual for the extraordinary meeting scheduled for 30 May 2022; and
- d) Review the documents in relation to the Functions of the Commission, Commission Policies and Procedures, and relevant press articles for the extraordinary meeting scheduled for 8 June 2022.

The Secretariat:

- a) Make additional amendments to meeting minutes dated 6th April 2022 and 19 April 2022;
- b) Schedule extraordinary meetings for 23 May, 30 May and 8 June; 2022
- c) Follow-up with the Clerk of the Parliament;
- d) Follow-up with the Election's Office;
- e) Draft correspondence to the Attorney General's Chambers regarding the query received from an outstanding declarant;
- f) Follow-up with the query regarding the investigative powers of the CSPL;
- g) Conduct research on jurisdictions that require the Judiciary to declare their interests;
- h) Seek additional advice from the Hon. Attorney General regarding the precedence noted in the correspondence where the Judiciary are subject to similar legislation;
- i) Circulate the CSPL policies and procedures;
- j) Circulate the ROI Comms Plan; and
- k) Request the Register of Directors from the Cayman Turtle Centre.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:07pm.



Dr. Sonia Bush
CHAIRMAN
COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE