

**9th MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
(EXTRAORDINARY)
30th MAY 2022 @ 12:00PM
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

PRESENT: Dr. Sonia Bush Chairman
Keith Blake Member
Isatou Smith Member

APOLOGIES: Richard Addlestone Member
J. Rosalie Twohey Member

COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:31pm.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Members approved the minutes of the meetings dated 6 April 2022 and 19 April 2022.

3. Outstanding Business

a. Amendments to SPL Regs

Members discussed and finalised the amendments to the SPL Regs. The Secretariat will circulate the document to the Senior Legislative Counsel at the Attorney General's Chambers.

b. Amendments to SPL Act

Members discussed and finalised the amendments to the SPL Act. The Secretariat will circulate the document to the Senior Legislative Counsel at the Attorney General's Chambers.

c. Correspondence from the Constitutional Commission regarding Cabinet Manual

Members discussed the correspondence of 10 March 2022, from the Chairman of the Constitutional Commission, regarding the Cabinet Manual. Members agreed to write to

the Cabinet Secretary to follow-up on the status of the Cabinet Manual. The Secretariat will further assist by preparing a response to the Chairman of the Constitutional Commission.

d. Amendment to SPL Regs

The meeting which was scheduled for 23rd May 2022 was postponed due to the Commission's commitments to the CCAICACB.

e. Data Protection Training

The training which was scheduled for 24th May 2022 was postponed due to the Commission's commitments to the CCAICACB.

4. Any Other Business

a. Annual Report

Members discussed final comments and amendments to the Twenty-First Annual Report and agreed that subject to final changes, the draft Annual Report is approved.

Members discussed the 6-month reporting period of the Commission and will have future discussion about the merits of aligning this via constitutional change to the proposed new RIO reporting period.

b. Draft Correspondence to the AG Re: Concern raised regarding the AMLSG

The Manager of the Secretariat recused herself due to a perceived conflict of interest. Members discussed additional amendments to the draft correspondence to the Hon. Attorney General regarding the need for members of the AMLSG to file declarations. Members agreed that once the discussed changes are made, the letter is approved.

c. ROI Portal Updates

Members were informed of the various internal updates to the ROI portal in light of the 2022 declaration period.

d. CSPL Policies and Procedures

Members discussed the Commission's Policies and Procedures, and its Functions, as per s.117 of the Constitution. Members agreed to review the documents in relation to the Commission's Policies and Procedures, Functions and any relevant press articles for the extraordinary meeting scheduled for 8 June 2022.

5. Action Items

The Commission was asked to:

- a) Review the documents in relation to the Functions of the Commission, Commission's Policies and Procedures, and relevant press articles as detailed in item 4. d. above.

The Secretariat was asked to:

- a) Circulate the rationale for the amendments to the SPL Regs to the Attorney General's Chambers;
- b) Circulate the rationale for the amendments to the SPL Act to the Attorney General's Chambers;
- c) Prepare follow-up correspondence to the Cabinet Secretary regarding the status of the Cabinet Manual; and
- d) Draft a response to the Chairman of the Constitutional Commission as outlined in item 3. c. above.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:19pm.



Dr. Sonia Bush

CHAIRMAN

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