

**3rd MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE FOR 2026
14 APRIL 2026 @ 2:00 PM
MINUTES
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT OFFICES & VIA ZOOM**

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| PRESENT: | Woody Foster | Chairman |
| | Keith Blake | Member (via Zoom) |
| | Diana Deopersad | Member |
| | Jay Ehrhart | Member (via Zoom) |
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APOLOGIES: |
Tonica Williams |
Member |
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GUEST: |
Sue Winspear |
Consultant (via Zoom) |
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COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT: |
Melanie McField |
Manager (in part) |
| | Lise Hurlstone | Research Analyst |

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 pm. The Chairman welcomed all members and guest, Ms Sue Winspear, who continues to act as a consultant to the Commission.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- a. Members reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2026 and they were approved with no changes. The Secretariat was asked to post the minutes on the CSPL website.

3. New Business

a. Complaint into Potential Conflict of Interest

Members discussed a potential conflict of interest concerning a private company formerly owned and managed by a public official. It was noted that the public official may still have a shareholding interest in the company. A discussion took place on whether Ms Winspear could conduct a preliminary investigation on the matter in order for the Commission to determine whether a formal investigation should be opened. Members agreed to this but noted it should be done in a manner that does not arouse suspicion on the topic of the investigation or any persons who might be involved.

Separately, members discussed whether legislative amendments should be introduced which would allow the Commission the same level of access in a preliminary investigation as a formal investigation. On this point it was agreed that some of the already existing amendment proposals would capture this issue. Additionally, members discussed how best to proceed in the absence of a written complaint. It was agreed that

section 18 of the Standards in Public Life Act allowed for the Commission to investigate on its own initiative.

It was agreed that Ms Winspear would write to the public authority which held the information she would be inquiring about and request access, as part of a preliminary investigation. It was noted that since this was not a formal investigation it was possible that the request would be denied. If access was granted Ms Winspear would report back to the Commission on her findings for members to determine whether a formal investigation should be opened.

b. CSPL ENQ 002/2026

Members reviewed correspondence querying how to proceed with submitting a declaration to the Register of Interests. In particular, how to include information relevant to the reporting period where the declarant was not aware of a future appointment to a public authority. It was agreed that the enquirer should be directed to respond as suggested by the Research Analyst, adding that if any additional context was required the same could be submitted to the CSPL via email and printed for inclusion in the hard copy of the Register.

Ms Winspear's suggestion on how potential confusion on this issue could be addressed in legislative amendments was agreed to; she would therefore include this in the proposed amendments.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

a. Legislative Amendments – SPLA

Ms Winspear reviewed her analysis of the public consultation on the Standards in Public Life Act amendments in February 2026. She noted that the one question where responses were not entirely aligned with the Commission's view related to making access to the Register more public. It was ultimately agreed that it would be best under the circumstances, considering the balance of rights of the public to accountability and transparency and rights of declarants to reasonable privacy, to retain the current access restrictions for the time being.

The comprehensive list of legislative amendments was discussed, and members provided their feedback to each proposal.

Ms Winspear advised that she will meet with the Research Analyst to review all proposed amendments before circulating them to members and preparing the Cabinet Paper.

b. Update: Parliamentary Code of Conduct

Ms Winspear advised that she continues to engage with the Speaker of Parliament on this matter and will continue to update members as it progresses.

c. PR & Education Initiatives

i. Good Governance Campaign

The Manager provided an update on the Good Governance Campaign. It was noted that the Commissions Secretariat met with the Governor's Office and developed a more comprehensive communications plan, which remains in progress.

It was noted that the campaign would commence with a press release and press briefing. Members were advised that the main change is that activities will be spread over several months, beginning at the end of May and continuing through the end of the year. The Chairman noted his desire that the campaign continue beyond 2026 and public engagement on this topic take place regularly throughout his tenure.

Planned activities include community engagement through the Chamber of Commerce and CIIPA, as well as presentations at conferences. It was also noted that the campaign may assist in supporting Cayman's position ahead of the inter-governmental Financial Action Task Force (FATF) review of Cayman in 2027.

The Secretariat will continue to develop the campaign and will share informational updates with members.

d. Election Reform

Members were advised of an update from the Supervisor of Elections that the Cabinet Paper on the amendments to the Elections Act would be updated again, including the suggestions made by the CSPL.

e. Information Sharing Protocol with Auditor General

Ms Winspear advised that the Auditor General is presently in a busy period and, accordingly, no further follow-up has yet taken place.

f. Register of Interests Update

i. Reviews of Declarations

Ms Winspear reviewed her paper reporting on her analysis of Register of Interests declarations for the 2024-2025 period. Members discussed the need to write to all Chief Officers to remind them of their obligation to report gifts and hospitality in declarations. It was noted that the civil service administrative circular on Offering or Receiving Hospitality Entertainment or Gifts is available on CIG Intranet and this would be shared with the Chairman.

The Commission agreed with the recommendations contained in Ms Winspear's report, who would proceed accordingly.

ii. Compliance Follow-ups

The Manager advised members that she had spoken with the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Senior Investigative Officer regarding the possibility of using an ACC Analyst to assist with compliance reviews. This would proceed as necessary.

g. Complaints / Enquiries

i. CSPL COMP 001/2023

Ms Winspear provided an update on research conducted into Public Accounts Committee Hansard Reports, noting some inconsistent information to what had been provided to the Commission from the relevant public authority.

Members agreed that a draft response to the public authority of this inconsistency, in addition to the other questions already agreed upon. Members also agreed that clarification should be sought as to define some of the terminology used in previous correspondence.

Ms Winspear would update the letter and circulate to the Chairman for review before issuing.

ii. CSPL COMP 001/2025

Members were advised that, further to the previous meeting, a letter was sent to the relevant public authority on 10 April 2026. A response by 8 May 2026 was requested.

iii. CSPL COMP 001/2026

The Chairman advised that the Complainant had read the letter sent to him on 10 April 2026 and contacted him to discuss the matter. The Chairman advised that he told the Complainant any disagreement should be worked through via continued correspondence and that a response may be submitted directly to the CSPL email.

The Research Analyst will forward the response to members for information. Further steps will be considered thereafter.

h. Draft 28th Report

The Research Analyst will send the draft 28th Report to former members and request a response within two weeks.

i. Regulation of Board Appointment Procedures

Members confirmed that they were content for the draft correspondence to the

Governor, Deputy Governor and Premier on suggested amendments to the Public Authorities Act to be issued. The Research Analyst will send the letter as soon as possible.

5. Any Other Business

a. Commissions Secretariat Staffing

The Manager provided a staffing update regarding efforts to secure additional resources. The Manager further advised that she had submitted a request to the Portfolio of the Civil Service Deputy Chief Officer seeking an extension of Ms Winspear's contract and that the matter is now under consideration. The Chairman agreed that Ms Winspear may continue with her work in the meantime¹.

6. Action Items

The Consultant was asked to:

- a.** write to the relevant public authority on the potential conflict of interest and request access to the relevant data, per item 3.a. above;
- b.** if access is granted to the relevant data, report back to the Commission with findings for members to determine whether a formal investigation should be opened, per item 3.a. above;
- c.** include the proposal to clarify the timeframe required for new appointees to report on in their declarations in the proposed amendments, per item 3.b. above;
- d.** meet with the Research Analyst to review all proposed legislative amendments before circulating them to members and preparing the Cabinet Paper, per item 4.a. above;
- e.** continue to engage with the Speaker of Parliament on the Parliamentary Code, per item 4.b. above;
- f.** proceed with recommendations in the ROI Review report, per item 4.f.i. above; and
- g.** update the letter on CSPL COMP 001/2023 and circulate for the Chairman's review, per item 4.g.i. above.

The Secretariat was asked to:

- a.** post the minutes on the CSPL website, per item 2.a. above;
- b.** direct the enquirer on CSPL ENQ 002-2026 to respond as suggested by the Research Analyst, and members suggested addition, as outlined in item 3.b. above;
- c.** meet with the Consultant to review all proposed legislative amendments, per item 4.a. above;
- d.** continue to develop the Good Governance Campaign, per item 4.c.i. above;
- e.** share the civil service administrative circular on Offering or Receiving Hospitality Entertainment or Gifts, per item 4.f.i. above;
- f.** circulate the response on CSPL COMP 001/2026 to members, per item 4.g.iii. above;
- g.** send the draft 28th Report to former members, per item 4.h. above; and
- h.** circulate an update meeting invite for May 2026.

7. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a.** Legislative Amendments – SPLA

¹ For an update on this, see the minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2026.

- b. Update: Parliamentary Code of Conduct
- c. PR & Education Initiatives
 - i. Good Governance Campaign
- d. Election Reform
- e. Information Sharing Protocol with Auditor General
- f. Register of Interests Update
 - i. Reviews of Declarations
 - ii. Compliance Follow-ups
- g. Complaints / Enquiries
 - i. CSPL COMP 001/2023
 - ii. CSPL COMP 001/2025
 - iii. CSPL ENQ 001/2025
 - iv. CSPL ENQ 002/2026
- h. Complaint on Potential Conflict of Interest
 - i. Draft 28th Report
- j. Regulation of Board Appointment Procedures

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting date was changed to 28 May 2026 at 2:00 pm. The Research Analyst will circulate an updated calendar invitation accordingly.

9. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 4:30 pm.



Woodrow Foster
CHAIRPERSON
COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE