



**12th MEETING OF 2011
29th MEETING OF
THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION
11th OCTOBER, 2011
CONFERENCE ROOM
GOVERNOR'S SQUARE, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE**

PRESENT: Julene Banks Member
Wil Pineau Member

APOLOGIES: Pastor Al Ebanks Chairman

Secretariat members present:

Deborah Bodden Manager, Commissions Secretariat

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. and a prayer was offered by a member of the Commission.

2. Selection of Acting Chairman

In accordance with section 4.1 of the Commission's Policies and Procedures Manual member Wil Pineau was chosen to act as Chairman for this meeting due to the absence of Pastor Al Ebanks.

3. Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 27th September, 2011 were confirmed.

4. Outstanding Business

I. UCCI conference paper

The Commission agreed that the subject of this paper will be *Self-Determination: Options for the Cayman Islands*. The goal of this paper is to produce an in-depth analysis of the advantages and disadvantages for the various options for constitutional advancement, including independence, free association and integration. The paper will include a brief history of the Federation of the West Indies and how the Cayman Islands achieved its existing constitutional status. The Commission agreed to draft a letter seeking the following information from the Governor's Office:

- 1) A list of the specific areas of assistance (diplomatic, security, economic, social, technical assistance etc.) that the United Kingdom (UK) provides to the Cayman Islands and the costs associated, if any;
- 2) The steps required by the UK if the people of the Cayman Islands decided to pursue any of the three options for self determination;

- 3) Any research documentation or reports that have been produced by either the UK or any of the OTs over the years relating to this subject.
- II. Arrangements for Cayman Brac district meeting / Correspondence with MLAs
Member Julene Banks has still been unable to contact the MLA's in Cayman Brac and has asked that the Secretariat follow up on setting up this meeting. The proposed date is 27 October, 2011 from 7-8:30p or 7:30-9p at the Heritage House.
 - III. Correspondence with Cabinet on Governance Structure tool / research
The Secretariat was asked to draft a letter to the Cabinet Secretary as assigned at the last meeting of the Commission.
 - IV. Annual Report
The Commission members felt as though the Draft Annual Report prepared by the Secretariat did not contain enough information on the advancements made by and the needs of the other Commissions. The Secretariat was asked to e-mail each of the Chairmen and ask them to provide an update to the Commission for the purposes of their Annual Report. The update would cover the timeframe 1 October, 2010 – 30 September, 2011.
 - V. Editing of Constitutional Booklets
The Commission has concerns that the booklets edited by GIS have resulted in pertinent information being deleted. As such they would like to discuss the project with GIS again. It was suggested that they meet with the Head of GIS at their next meeting as she may be able to set the parameters out for what GIS can and cannot assist with. The Commission would like, in the interim to print 50 copies of the First Booklet that GIS formatted for them for the West Bay District Meeting on 13 October, 2011.
 - VI. People Initiated Referendum paper
The Commission has agreed to now release this paper and would like to do so at the West Bay District Meeting on 13 October, 2011. The Secretariat has been asked to update the figures of the Electoral Register and format the paper. The Commission is then requesting 50 copies of the said paper for distribution at the meeting. As an additional research project the Secretariat is being asked to research and present in an easy to read table format how other OT's handle this issue. Also to research legislation governing referendums in other jurisdictions to assist in making recommendations on draft legislation.

5. Any Other Business

I. West Bay District Meeting

The meeting is confirmed for Thursday, 14 October, 2011 at the John Gray Memorial Church from 7-9 p.m. The Commission agreed the format of the meeting and the Secretariat is asked to order a fruit platter and collate the various handouts and banners for Member Julene Banks to collect from the Secretariat later today. The Secretariat will also confirm the attendance of both Government Information Services (GIS) and Radio Cayman and confirm whether the broadcast will be live or replayed at a future time. Radio Cayman is also to be notified that the Commission would like the recording to take place in a way to enable the Commission to upload it to their website.

II. Updates to Website

The Secretariat was asked to ensure the minutes of all meetings and the IDEA paper previously sent to the Secretariat are uploaded to the website prior to the district meeting on Thursday.

III. Crown Land Paper

Member Julene Banks indicated that she is still working on this project and requested the Secretariat follow up on the e-mail to Lands and Survey previously sent on the percentage of Crown Land that exists in the Cayman Islands and research Bermuda's land policies in particular their policy on Crown Land.

IV. Logo's

The Secretariat was asked to request copies of the logos previously made by GIS for the Commission and if there are none to please ask that GIS prepare three for the next meeting.

6. Action List

The Secretariat will:

- I. Conduct research on the paper for the UCCI Conference;
- II. Check dates for the submission of extracts and papers for the said Conference;
- III. Draft a letter to the Governor's Office requesting information as outlined in 4(I) above;
- IV. E-mail the Cayman Brac MLAs to ascertain their availability on the 27th October, 2011;
- V. Draft a letter to the Cabinet Secretary as per 4(III) above;
- VI. E-mail each of the Chairpersons as discussed in 4(IV) above;
- VII. Arrange for the Chief Information Officer of GIS to attend the next meeting of the Commission;
- VIII. Arrange for 50 copies of the first information booklet to be printed as per 4(V) above;
- IX. Arrange for 50 copies of the People Initiated Referendum paper to be printed as in 4(VI) above;
- X. Research how other OT's and other jurisdictions handle the issue of people-initiated referendums;
- XI. Order the fruit platter and collate a package of necessary handouts, banners etc to be distributed at the West Bay meeting as per 5(I);
- XII. Contact GIS and Radio Cayman as per 5(I) above;
- XIII. Update the minutes and IDEA paper to the website;
- XIV. Follow up on the e-mail to Lands and Survey previously sent on the percentage of Crown Land that exists in the Cayman Islands;
- XV. Research Bermuda's land policies in particular their policy on Crown Land; and
- XVI. Request copies of the logos previously made by GIS for the Commission and if there are none to please ask that GIS prepare three for the next meeting.

7. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on 25 October, 2011 in the Commissions Secretariat conference room.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.



Wil Pineau
ACTING CHAIRMAN
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION