



**13th MEETING OF 2011
30th MEETING OF
THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION
25th OCTOBER, 2011
GOVERNOR'S SQUARE, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE**

PRESENT: Julene Banks Member
Wil Pineau Member

APOLOGIES: Pastor Al Ebanks Chairman

Secretariat members present:

Michael Ebanks Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. and a prayer was offered by Julene Banks.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

Amendments to the previous meeting's minutes were noted by the Acting Chairman, who agreed to finalise, sign, and email the updated version of the minutes for uploading to the Commission's website.

3. Meeting with Government Information Services (GIS) Representative

GIS Chief Information Officer, Suzette Ebanks, was unable to meet with the Commission at this current meeting. The parties are scheduled to meet at the Commissions Secretariat on 8 November, 2011 – the next Commission meeting.

4. Outstanding Business

I. Cayman Brac District Meeting

The Commission has finalised travel and logistical arrangements for the district meeting presentation on Cayman Brac, which will take place on Thursday, 27 October, 2011 at the Aston Rutty Civic Centre. The Commission will be joined by representatives of the panel appointed by the Premier with regard to the White Paper on Overseas Territories Consultation. Julene Banks is expected to give the opening statement to the audience, which will be followed by a presentation conducted by Wil Pineau. The Commissioners intend to answer questions from the audience, if time permits. The Commission's presentation will be followed by a separate presentation from the accompanying panel.

The Commission has requested the Secretariat to enquire with GIS representative Lennon Christian, regarding press updates on the details of the constitutional district meeting.

II. Annual Report

The Commissioners are in the process of reviewing a draft version of the Annual Report, which is expected to be finalised in the near future. The Commission is keen to incorporate a summary of activities and progress milestones accomplished by the various other institutions supporting democracy. As such the Secretariat has been instructed to compile the aforementioned progress indicators of the various commissions and incorporate them into the annual report.

In preparing the Annual Report, the Secretariat was instructed to note, with respect to the Judicature, the recent public statement by the Chief Justice in response to statements made by the Commissioner of Police following the acquittal of a murder trial defendant. The Commission supports the position taken by the Chief Justice in this regard.

Additionally, the Commission wishes to express its support for the Judicial and Legal Services Commission (JLSC) as an entity that supports democracy, and has instructed the Secretariat to note the Commission's support for the JLSC under the Annual Report section pertaining to Institutions Supporting Democracy. The Secretariat was also requested to make a mention to the resignation of Chief Magistrate Margaret Ramsey-Hale within the Annual Report section pertaining to the Judicature.

III. University College of the Cayman Islands Conference Paper Outline

The Commission members will review the draft outline submitted by the Secretariat so that the in-depth research may be conducted.

IV. Draft Agenda for meeting with His Excellency the Governor

The Commission has created an agenda outlining the discussion topics intended to guide the meeting on 28 October 2011. The outlined will be finalised and sent to the Governor ahead of the meeting by the Commission. Discussion items include:

1. Release of Annual Report
2. Practice of suspension of notice on bills
3. Support for Institutions Supporting Democracy
4. Update on the progress with the development of Cabinet operating procedures
5. Report on the issue of the management of Crown land
6. United Kingdom/Overseas Territories relationship review
7. Release of discussion paper on People Initiated Referendum
8. Development of UCCI conference discussion paper: ***Self Determination: Options for the Cayman Islands***
9. Terms of appointment for Constitutional Commission

5. Any Other Business

I. Crown Land Enquiry with Lands and Survey Department

The Secretariat informed the Commission that information was sought from Lands and Survey Department on the percentage of Crown Land in the Cayman Islands. To the knowledge of the Secretariat, a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Programmer/Analyst was requested to compile the information. To date, the Secretariat has not had any further correspondence from Lands and Survey on the matter in spite of attempts from the Secretariat to contact the Department to ascertain the status of the compilation.

II. Commission Logo

The Secretariat confirmed that Government Information Services (GIS) does not have a feasible logo design on-hand for use. GIS also informed the Secretariat that due to current workloads, dedicated design on a logo probably could not take place before the beginning of 2012. As such, the Secretariat will attempt to draft a logo and work with the Commissioners to develop a feasible logo for multi-purpose use.

III. Website

The Secretariat has been asked to add a link of the Commission's website to the Commission for Standards in Public Life Commission's website.

IV. HRC Booklet

The Secretariat was asked to follow up with the HRC on their request for information as to whether they would be producing a booklet on Part 1 of the Constitution.

V. Cabinet Operating Procedures

The Secretariat was asked to follow up with the Cabinet Office as to whether the Draft Operating Procedures had now been finalised.

VI. Standing Orders

The Secretariat was asked to research the number of times the Standing Orders were suspended and nature of the bills when the suspensions occurred.

6. Action List

The Commission will:

- I. forward the finalised minutes to the Secretariat;
- II. enquire with GIS representative Lennon Christian, regarding press updates on the details of the constitutional district meeting;
- III. finalise and forward the agenda for the meeting with the Governor;
- IV. review the draft outline for the outline of the UCCI paper submitted by the Secretariat;

The Secretariat will:

- V. upload the minutes;
- VI. enquire with GIS representative Lennon Christian, regarding press updates on the details of the constitutional district meeting and the possibilities/feasibility for recording the Cayman Brac district meeting;
- VII. make amendments to the Annual Report as detailed above;
- VIII. add a link of the Commission's website to the Commission for Standards in Public Life Commission's website;
- IX. follow-up with the Human Rights Commission regarding the creation of a Human Rights informational booklet to be used as part of the booklet series being developed by the Constitutional Commission;
- X. follow-up on the status of the Cabinet's operating procedures manual; and
- XI. research the number of times the Standing Orders were suspended and nature of the bills when the suspensions occurred.

7. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- I. Meeting with GIS Chief Information Officer
- II. District Meetings
- III. Annual Report
- IV. UCCI Paper Outline

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on 8 November, 2011 in the Commissions Secretariat conference room.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20am.



Wil Pineau
ACTING CHAIRMAN
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION