



**1st MEETING OF 2020
THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION
9 JANUARY 2020
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

PRESENT:

Vaughan Carter	Chairman
Sophia Harris	Member
Dr. Christopher Williams	Member

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden	Manager, Commissions Secretariat
Lise Hurlstone	Administrator/Analyst

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:06am. The Chairman thanked all for attending.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The Chairman was provided with minutes of the meetings held on 1 August 2018 and 17 October 2018 to review for finalisation.

3. Introduction of New Members

The Chairman welcomed the new members, Mrs. Sophia Harris and Dr. Christopher Williams, and gave a brief outline of the role of the Commission.

4. Review of the Commission's Work

a. Overview

The contemporary issues addressed by the Commission, educational projects, and media engagements were discussed.

Members took interest in the children's book educational project and requested that the wording be circulated for the review.

In discussing the Government's National Curriculum review the Chairman agreed to reach out to a contact for a status update.

The Chairman noted his most recent media engagements on behalf of the Commission, where he was invited to participate in discussions on Radio Cayman on the 60th anniversary of the Cayman Islands Constitution by Celebrate Cayman Executive Chairman, Mr. Alfonso

Wright. The discussions took place on Thursday, 4 July 2019 and Wednesday, 6 November 2019.

b. Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The Chairman provided an update on the progress of the proposed constitutional amendments to-date. Members were advised that the Hansard report from the Legislative Assembly debate on this issue from 6 December 2019 was available electronically, and the same would be circulated to members.

A draft explanatory note for the recent proposed constitutional amendments was discussed. Members agreed for the Chairman to review the document and comment in the first instance, and then circulate it for other members to provide any further contributions. The Commission's comments will then be provided to His Excellency the Governor, the Hon. Premier and the Hon. Leader of the Opposition.

5. Action List

The Chairman was asked to:

- a. Reach out regarding the National Curriculum and report back to the Commission; and
- b. Provide comments on the draft explanatory note to proposed constitutional amendments.

The Members were asked to:

- a. Review the constitution children's book wording; and
- b. Review and provide any further contributions to the Chairman's comments on the draft explanatory note to proposed constitutional amendments.

The Secretariat was asked to:

- a. Circulate the wording for the children's book educational project, and the Hansard Report for 6 December 2019, to members.

6. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

2020 Agenda

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be agreed via round robin, subject to members' availability.

8. Termination

The meeting was closed at 11:46am.



Vaughan Carter
CHAIRMAN
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION