

MINUTES
3rd MEETING OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION
22 MARCH 2010
CONFERENCE ROOM
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

PRESENT: Pastor Al Ebanks Chairman
 Julene Banks Member
 Wil Pineau Member

APOLOGIES: N/A

Secretariat members present:

Deborah Bodden	Manager, Commissions Secretariat
Laura Jackson	Analyst, Commissions Secretariat
Jason Webster	Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am. The Chairman welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting and a member of the Commission offered a prayer. The Manager of the Commission Secretariat was then formally introduced to the members of the Commission.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes of 1 March 2010 meeting were approved by the Commission.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a. Minutes

- i. The minutes from the first meeting of the Commission were available for review and approval by the Commission.

b. Website

- i. The Chair informed the other members of the Commission that he had attended a meeting with the Manager of the Commission Secretariat and the Chairpersons of the Human Rights Commission and the Commission for Standards in Public Life.
- ii. As promised the Chairman presented the Commissions proposal that there should be one website for the four Commissions (Constitutional Commission, Commission for Standards in Public Life, Human Rights Commission and the Judicial and Legal Services Commission).

- iii. The Chairman informed the members of the Commission that in an effort to show and maintain the independence of each commission it was decided during the Chairperson meeting that each commission would have a separate website, but would have links to the other commissions' website.
- iv. Members of the Commission asked the Chair to revisit the discussion at the next Commissions Chairperson meeting because they felt it would be in the best interest of the country to take a holistic approach to the website since each Commission is established under the 2009 Constitution.
- v. The Commission decided to undertake the responsibility of creating an outline of the website that they wished to create for the CC. The members of the Commission proposed registering a URL for the website that could be considered an action URL which would assist with public education.

c. Standardized procedure and administration framework

- i. A member of the Commission referenced a document from the Institute for Democracy and noted that all the Commissions had to ensure that their policies and procedures needed to be established as a matter of urgency.
- ii. A member of the Commission noted that this could be another item of discussion in the proposed roundtable discussion.

d. Press Briefing

- i. The members of the Commission prepared for the press briefing that was going to immediately follow the meeting by reviewing the speaking notes (attached).

4. New Business

There was no new business.

5. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

6. Action List

- i. The members of the Commission will provide the minutes from the first meeting of the Commission.
- ii. The Secretariat will register an URL for the website with the ICTA if applicable.
- iii. The Chairperson will raise the possibility of a roundtable discussion for all members of all the commissions at the next Chairpersons Meeting.

7. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

Draft document relevant to process and prioritisation including-

- i. Defining the term "matters of national importance"; and

ii. Ensuring that the Referendum law is in place as soon as possible.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20 April 2010 @ 9a.m. in the Commissions Secretariat Boardroom.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. and was immediately followed by a press briefing.



**Pastor Al Ebanks
CHAIRMAN
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION**