



2nd MEETING OF 2018
THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION
23 APRIL 2018
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

PRESENT: Vaughan Carter	Chairman
Olivaire Watler	Member
Natalie Urquhart	Member

Secretariat members present:

Deborah Bodden	Manager, Commissions Secretariat
Lise Hurlstone	Administrator/Analyst

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 30 January 2018 meeting were discussed and approved with amendments to clarify the content in some areas.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

a. Public awareness opportunities of Alternative Constitutional Formats

The Commission discussed educational initiatives/opportunities related to the alternative formats of the Constitution (braille and audio). It was agreed that the Commission would pursue the development of both a Spotlight segment (a video produced by the Government Information Services (“GIS”)) and a pop-up exhibition. The Secretariat confirmed that GIS had been approached and they were happy to assist with this. The Commission will aim to complete these by 1 October 2018 for use in various capacities on World Sight Day (11 October 2018), International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3 December 2018) and World Braille Day (4 January 2019). The Secretariat was asked to continue its liaising with GIS to pursue the completion of these segments and to consider material for the pop-up.

b. Annual Plan/Dates to Recognise

A table detailing the press releases that were issued by the Commission in 2017 and the proposed dates for 2018/2019 was circulated to members and discussed. The Secretariat was requested to re-circulate the general list of awareness days for the Commission to

consider and revert via email with the confirmed 2018 dates to be recognised within two weeks.

c. Outstanding Correspondence

The Commission discussed two pieces of correspondence previously sent by the Commission which were not responded to: the first dated 19 March 2015 sent from previous Commission Chairman, Mr David Ritch, to the Deputy Governor; the second dated 1 November 2016 sent from the current Chairman to Governor Kilpatrick. Members agreed that a discussion with the newly installed Governor on these outstanding pieces of correspondence would be appropriate.

d. Model Cayman Islands Curriculum

The Chairman confirmed that he reached out to Professor Livingston Smith at UCCI regarding developing secondary- and tertiary-level curricula on the Constitution. In addition it was agreed that the Truman Bodden Law School (the “TBLS”) may be able to assist and he would therefore reach out to staff at the TBLS for this purpose.

e. Documentation of Recent Constitutional Developments

The Commission was advised that there is no documentation which details constitutional development in the Cayman Islands from 1972 to current. Three platforms were considered to document these developments.

i. Michael Craton’s *Founded Upon the Seas*

As agreed at the last meeting, the Secretariat contacted the National Archive who confirmed there were no current plans to update or expand the *Founded Upon the Seas* book.

ii. List of Constitutions and Amendments

Members confirmed that following a review, the list of Constitutions and amendments were up to date with the exception of uploading the 2009 Constitution and 2016 Amendment, as presented on the Commission’s website.

iii. Our Constitutional History

The document entitled “Our Constitutional History”, taken from material compiled by the former Constitutional Review Secretariat, requires an update. Members and the Secretariat will work to draft material for the necessary updates. Entities such as the UCCI, TBLS, and the National Archive may be contacted for assistance with content for these updates.

f. Meeting with His Excellency the Governor

The Secretariat confirmed that the Chairman will meet with Governor Choudhury in the near future and the Chairman invited members to consider any topics/matters which they would like addressed with during the meeting.

4. New Business

a. **Diamond Anniversary of the Constitution & 10 year Anniversary of the 2009 Constitution**

The Commission discussed educational initiatives/opportunities related to the celebration of commemorative days as they relate to the Constitution. It was agreed that the Commission would pursue the development of both a Spotlight segment (a video produced by the Government Information Services) and a pop-up exhibition. The Commission will aim to complete these by 1 January 2019 for use in various capacities throughout the year and especially on 4 July 2019 and 6 November 2019.

In addition, Members had previously agreed that the creation of a “Constitution for Kids” would be an ideal commemorative book to produce for these celebrations. The Secretariat will pursue the creation of such a book much like the *Past, Present, Future* picture book which explains the Bill of Rights for children and was produced by the Human Rights Commission in 2012. Member Natalie Urquhart stated that the National Gallery would commit to assisting with this project.

b. **Remit of the Governor and the CIG in RCIPS Operational Matters**

Members discussed the recent news articles regarding the Premier’s statements expressing the CIG’s desire for greater involvement in operational matters relating to the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS). This matter directly relates to the s.55 – Special Responsibilities of the Governor as well as s.58 – National Security Council (the “NSC”). The Commission was pleased to note in the media that the NSC had met for the first time in several years, and that all parties involved in the meeting had positive remarks about the meeting agenda items and discussion, as well as the proposed way forward for the NSC. The Commission agreed that the broader issue may be one that is raised in the content of a future date to recognise.

5. Action List

The members were asked to:

- a. consider the general list of awareness days and revert via e-mail with proposed selections for 2018 within two weeks;
- b. follow up with contacts at UCCI and the TBLS regarding developing secondary- and tertiary-level curricula on the Constitution (Chairman);
- c. review the “Our Constitutional History” document and provide any content to be incorporated in the updates; and
- d. attend meeting with His Excellency the Governor (Chairman).

The Secretariat was asked to:

- a. continue its liaising with GIS to pursue the completion of the spotlight segments and to consider material for the pop-up (as it relates to the alternative formats of the Constitution);
- b. re-distribute the general list of international awareness days to Commission members;
- c. draft content for the recognition of dates to recognise once agreed;

- d. add the 2009 Constitution and its 2016 Amendment to the list of constitution documents on the Commission's website;
- e. review the "Our Constitutional History" document and conduct research to identify any content to be incorporated in the updates;
- f. liaise with the GIS to pursue the completion of the spotlight segments and to consider material for the pop-up (as it relates to the Diamond and Ten-Year Anniversaries); and
- g. initiate planning for "Constitution for Kids" picture book initiative.

6. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Public awareness opportunities of Alternative Constitutional Formats
- b. Annual Plan/Dates to Recognise
- c. Model Cayman Islands Curriculum
- d. *Our Constitutional History* updates
- e. Meeting with His Excellency the Governor
- f. Diamond Anniversary of the Constitution & 10 year of the 2009 Constitution

7. Next Meeting

Members agreed for the next meeting to take place the week of 23 July, with a specific date to be confirmed closer to the time.

8. Termination

The meeting was closed at 3:30 pm.



Vaughan Carter
CHAIRMAN
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION